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TTC chair Karen Stintz gets ready to test her ball-hockey skills at Nathan Phillips Square on Wednesday as the Ontario Summer Games begin their 100-day countdown to competition later this summer in Toronto. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS

Ornge lack of response draws heat

Fatal crash. Air ambulance failure to provide aid puts Health Minister in hot seat

Ornge air ambulance
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Ontario's troubled air ambulance service is again under attack in the legislature after Ornge could not respond to a fatal collision north of Toronto.

Tory Frank Klees says a transcript of an emergency call shows Ornge replied to a request for an air ambulance Wednesday morning by saying it had no resources.

The victim was transported by land ambulance from the scene in Whitchurch-Stouffville and later died in hospital.

Ornge spokesman James MacDonald confirmed the service received a call this morning to attend to the scene of the collision.

MacDonald says Ornge has two helicopters at its Toronto base but one crew was on another call at the time and the second had a later start time after working late Tuesday.

He says Ornge extends its sincere condolences to the family of the victim and its thoughts are with them.

In the legislature, Klees and New Democrat France Gelinas questioned how Ornge could find itself unable to respond to an emergency at a time when it is under such a spotlight.

Reading from the transcript of the call, Klees asked Health Minister Deb Matthews to explain why staffing at the ambulance service is not being properly addressed.

Matthews said she would look into the details of what happened, adding that staffing is a "very high priority for the new leadership at Ornge."

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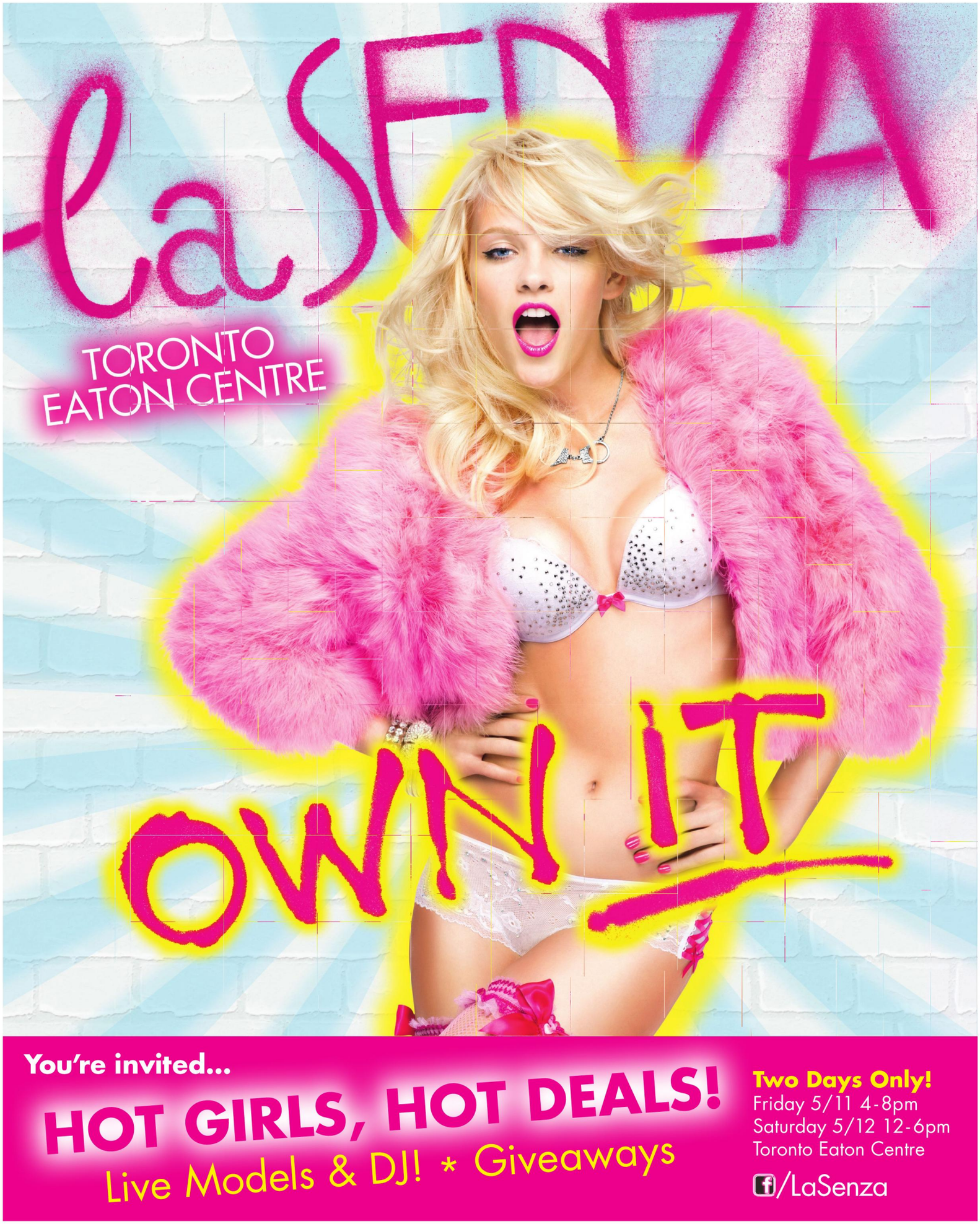
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Mississauga

Mother faces murder charge in infant death

The mother of a four-month-old baby has been charged with first-degree murder, after the child was found dead in a Mississauga home.

Paramedics and Peel Regional Police on Wednesday were called to a home on Golden Hills Way, near McLaughin Road and Derry Road West where they found the body of Alexander Platonov.

The baby's mother, Corinne Platonov, 40, was arrested and charged.

She is scheduled to appear in court in Brampton on Thursday.

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Attempted murder

Man arrested after knife attack on teen girl

A man faces charges after a 13-year-old girl was slashed across the neck and back near Yonge Street and Eglinton Avenue.

Police allege a man and teen girl were talking in front of an apartment building on Tuesday when the man became upset and cut the girl along the base of her neck. Police say the girl ran away and he then cut her across her back.

A witness intervened and held him until police arrived. The girl was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

A 50-year-old man is charged with attempted murder, aggravated assault, assault with a weapon, carrying a concealed weapon and threatening death.

The name of the accused is not being released to protect the identity of the victim.

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Just in time for Mother's Day: A cute little ball of killer fluff

Quest, a female peregrine falcon, nestles up to her newly hatched chicks on Wednesday after feeding them in their nest at the Harlequin Publishing offices on Duncan Mills Road in Toronto. Quest, her mate, Kendal, and the hatchlings live above the headquarters of the romance novel publisher. The pair have produced offspring for the second year in a row. PAWEL DWULIT/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Cupboard nearly bare for Flemingdon food bank

Appeal for donations. High price of food and surge in number of clients have sent costs soaring

A Toronto food bank is tens of thousands of dollars in debt and has launched an urgent appeal for help.

The Flemingdon Community Food Bank, which is open daily and serves the high-needs area of Thorncliffe Park and Flemingdon Park, owes its landlord $30,000 in rent and is unsure of how it will cover costs as it faces an influx of new clients.

"From 1,000 families three years ago, the clients doubled last year, and over the past nine months we have seen the largest increase," said Abdul Hai Patel, the food bank's acting chair and treasurer of its board of directors. "We have 3,800 families registered right now," he said.

Food banks across the city are seeing a spike in their numbers at a time when the cost of food is rising and charities have been slapped with a fee for waste collection as of July 1.

Tough times

- Clariss Tatro, a volunteer at the Glen Rhodes United Church food bank near Little India, says food banks across the city are stretched to their limit. She adds that food banks were meant to be an emergency measure but have become community mainstays.

The appeal coincides with a visit to Toronto by Olivier De Schutter, the UN special rapporteur on the right to food.

The Flemingdon food bank has seen its yearly rent rise to $31,200 from $22,600. This is on top of fixed costs of $3,100 a month for things such as food delivery from the Daily Bread Food Bank, pest control and supplies.

So far, the landlord has been patient and gracious, Patel said.

"That's why we are not on the streets yet," he said.

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On the web

These toys are locked and loaded

Gun parts and ammunition found hidden inside a child's stuffed animals at a Rhode Island airport are said to be related to a nasty custody battle. U.S. transportation agents found the items on Monday when a man and his four-year-old son went through security at T.F. Green Airport. Read the full story at metronews.ca

Mobile news

In an eat-your-veggies-before-dessert-style incentive program, video-game makers have created a pilot project that forces kids to get active before they get gaming. Scan the code to read about what's being billed as the first online game to use kids' daily activity as its sole power source

Ousted Ornge CEO turned down $10M discount: Former executive

Dirty dealings?
Provincial committee learns of kickback claims involving air ambulance service

Ornge turned down a $10-million discount on a $144-million helicopter deal with a firm that later paid an Ornge spinoff company $6.7 million — a deal alleged to be part of a kickback scheme, a legislative committee heard Wednesday.

Ornge's dealings with AgustaWestland — which Ontario's auditor general questioned in a scathing report on the air ambulance service — has come under intense scrutiny in the wake of a criminal probe over "financial irregularities."

AgustaWestland struck a marketing services agreement with a private subsidiary controlled by Ornge's then-CEO Chris Mazza shortly after Ornge bought 12 of its choppers with public money in 2008.

The non-profit air ambulance service receives about $150 million a year from the province.

Both the auditor general and the ousted Mazza's replacement, Ron McKerlie, say they found no evidence that the work performed reflected the amount of money paid.

Agusta executive Louis Bartolotta has denied any wrongdoing, telling the committee in April that the kickback allegations are "insulting."

Rick Potter, a former Ornge executive and director, told the committee that he negotiated a $10-million discount on the deal with AgustaWestland.

He explained the Italian firm was trying to charge Ornge $10 million in additional fees that they weren't entitled to under the terms of the agreement, so he convinced the company to waive them.

But when he proudly told Mazza that he'd brokered a deal to save Ornge money, Mazza's reaction was "very cool and reserved," Potter said.

The next week, Mazza — who was part of the Ornge team that negotiated the helicopter deal — indicated to him that the extra charges should be paid, Potter said.

Ornge ended up paying Agusta $7.2 million in additional charges, he said.

"What I said to Chris — and I'll paraphrase for this committee — is: 'Are you freaking crazy?'" he said.

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CEO won't appear

Mazza's lawyer confirmed Wednesday that the former CEO won't be able to appear before the committee next week. Roger Yachetti said two psychiatrists have declared Mazza medically unfit to testify on May 16. It's still unclear when Mazza may appear.

City once again?

Markham may drop town status

As the story goes, the Town of Markham should hold a world record for "a town that became a city for the shortest period of time." Try beating 20 minutes.

The great waffling occurred in 1990, when councillors voted in favour of shedding their town status. Minutes later, then-councillor Frank Scarpitti, now mayor, arrived late to the chamber. The vote was reopened and the motion struck down.

But Markham the city could be back when council votes at the end of the month to give its city status another shot.

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Infrastructure

Give to Cesar what is Cesar's?

Coun. Cesar Palacio says he'll continue to push for the city to replace a 1931 railroad bridge at St. Clair and Old Weston Road, even though it will cost at least $30 million — money Toronto hasn't budgeted. Palacio has enlisted the mayor's support in seeking a fix.

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Plan strikes out

Baseball venue not discussed

Brampton Mayor Susan Fennell refused to allow discussion about a proposal to build a world-class baseball-cricket venue for the 2015 Pan Am Games. That angered councillors, who wanted former mayor Peter Robertson to be given a chance to present the concept.

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A Stampede for tickets to Calgary

Twenty-four-year-old Lindsay Webber, left, waves the winning white cowboy hat containing an envelope for a trip to the Calgary Stampede, Wednesday at Yonge-Dundas Square. The contest, by Tourism Calgary and Travel Alberta, had people line up behind 200 white hats for a chance to win the trip out West. Webber and her mother, Brenda Webber, right, both from Dutton, Ont., were the first in line for the contest — arriving at 4 a.m.

DAVID VAN DYKE/METRO

Mayoral melee. Reporter won't be charged after confrontation with Ford

The investigation into a clash between Toronto Mayor Rob Ford and a journalist came to a close Wednesday with police saying no charges would be laid in the incident.

Toronto Star reporter Daniel Dale said police found "no evidence" he was spying on the mayor or set foot on his property last week on the night of the confrontation.

Dale said he met with investigators Wednesday afternoon to go through his BlackBerry, which was held by police after he dropped it at the scene. They found no photos or videos from that night, he said.

"I've repeatedly said, because it's true, I was never on the mayor's property — not only that, I've never looked over his fence," Dale said.

A spokesman for the mayor said Ford has no comment. Ford confronted Dale on May 2, accusing him of peering over a fence at the mayor's west Toronto home. He admitted to angrily chasing Dale and said the reporter looked frightened. Dale's version of events has the mayor charging him with a cocked fist.

Toronto Star reporter Daniel Dale
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The mayor and his brother Coun. Doug Ford later said they gave police incriminating video of the reporter, but Dale said he was on public property, looking at parkland the mayor is trying to buy.

Dale said he wasn't allowed to view the footage but believes it cleared him of any wrongdoing.

The mayor painted the incident as the latest in a series of personal attacks by the Star, with whom he has clashed repeatedly over the years. He threatened last week not to speak to any media in Dale's presence.

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Deadly roads. Five people killed in series of crashes

At least five people have died and several were injured in a week that has seen a series of deadly collisions on roads across the GTA.

A 23-year-old woman died after a four-vehicle collision early Wednesday that left a stretch of the Queen Elizabeth Way closed in Mississauga throughout the morning rush hour.

The series of crashes occurred in the westbound lanes near Mississauga Road at around 4 a.m.

A cube van driver was also killed Wednesday in an accident north of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

He was traveling east on Bloomington Road around 6:30 a.m. when his vehicle crossed the centre line and struck a dump truck headed west.

An Ornge helicopter was called, but a spokesperson said a land ambulance was dispatched instead due to a lack of resources.

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Last year, it was Mexico. This spring, she'll have VIP guest status at a luxurious beach resort in Maui, Hawaii because she used her *Scotia Momentum*® VISA Infinite* card to book the trip[2].

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Israel's Peres talks brain research with panel

Israel president Shimon Peres meets Premier Dalton McGuinty in the Ritz-Carlton hotel on Wednesday. COLIN MCCONNELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Better future. Twice prime minister of Israel, Shimon Peres is in Canada for a five-day state visit

To hear Israeli President Shimon Peres tell it, broader brain research is vital to a better future.

Speaking at a Canada-Israel panel in Toronto on Wednesday, the 88-year-old statesman told a packed hotel ballroom that advanced brain research would light the way toward peaceful years ahead. But those advances have to be made now.

"We don't have much time because if the world will continue to be like a ship on the high seas without a captain ... we are lost," he said.

"If we shall know the brain, I do believe that people will prefer to be better people."

The political veteran, with a career spanning 66 years, is currently Israel's head of state — a largely ceremonial role — but remains an influential figure in the country's politics.

In a wide-ranging, often philosophical, address, Peres linked a turbulent global economy and unpredictable governments to scientific innovation, saying the brain was the "most brilliant instrument that we posses, and researching it could offer solutions to future stability.

His remarks in Toronto followed up on comments made in Ottawa a day earlier, where he emphasized that science, not politics, is the real force in our time.

Peres met with Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty earlier in the day where the pair discussed the ties between Israel and the province. McGuinty welcomed the statesman with a joke about Toronto's building boom, saying that the 160 cranes on the city skyline were up in the president's honour.

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Pipeline. First Nations to Enbridge: 'The war is on'

Martin Louie, a First Nations leader from Nadieh, B.C., speaks to First Nation protesters and their supporters as they gather outside the Enbridge AGM on Wednesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Scores of West Coast First Nations and supporters ended a colourful and noisy protest against a proposed Enbridge oil pipeline Wednesday with a declaration of war from one of their chiefs.

The Yinka-Dene Alliance argues the Northern Gateway project poses a threat to aboriginals' way of life by threatening waterways and ecosystems, but Enbridge insists the project will proceed.

"The war is on," said Nadleh Whut'en Chief Martin Louie after the shareholder meeting.

"Enbridge and the government are going to go on fighting us. How far are they willing to go to kill off the human beings of this country?"

Project opponents had travelled from the West Coast aboard a "Freedom Train" to the country's financial heartland to make their point to Enbridge's shareholders.

After a "mingling of the waters" ceremony and speeches, protesters marched several blocks east to the downtown hotel where the shareholders were meeting.

Demonstrators braved rain to drum, sing and chant under the watchful eye of security and police officers. They carried signs that read "No pipelines on our lands" and chanted "We can't drink oil."

"It's a ticking time bomb," said Terry Teegee, vice tribal chief of the Carrier Sekani Tribal Council.

"This company has a lot of breaks in their pipelines; it's not a matter of if, it's just a matter of when."

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Rogue bears may increase with project cancellation

Police warn that more nuisance bears will probably have to be destroyed as a result of the province ending its bear-relocation program.

The Ministry of Natural Resources has quietly stopped its practice of trapping and relocating rogue bears, partly to save money and partly because it wasn't deemed effective.

In a letter to the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police dated May 3, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister Carrie Hayward said the program "has been the least effective tool in managing the bear problem, with research showing that many relocated bears simply return to the area from where they were removed."

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25 pieces of evidence doom Rafferty, Crown tells jury

The Tori killing. If the jury rules out McClintic's story, there are other damning clues, lawyer says

Will the evidence of drug-addled, violent, lying Terri-Lynne McClintic be enough to convince the jury her boyfriend is guilty of killing Victoria Stafford?

Maybe not, the Crown admitted Wednesday.

There is no question that McClintic's testimony was flawed, the Crown told the jury at Michael Rafferty's trial.

But there are at least 25 other pieces of evidence that confirm her story.

McClintic, who had already pleaded guilty to first-degree murder in eight-year-old Tori's death, testified that Rafferty urged her to kidnap a young girl for him, then sexually assaulted the child.

McClintic testified she then snapped and killed Tori.

But Crown attorney Kevin Gowdey told the jury in London, Ont., to consider what McClintic told police all along — that Rafferty killed the girl.

Gowdey suggested that McClintic's version of events in which she flew into a rage at seeing Rafferty rape Tori was less credible.

But it doesn't matter, he said, whether Rafferty killed Tori or McClintic did.

They both worked together and they both knew Tori would never be returned to her home in Woodstock, Ont.

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The charges

Michael Rafferty, 31, has pleaded not guilty to first degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping.

Rebecca Nichols, aunt of slain Victoria (Tori) Stafford, speaks to the media outside court in London, Ont., Wednesday. DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Latest figures

Cancer's death toll declining

The death toll from cancer in Canada is on the decline, the Canadian Cancer Society says.

One factor: Lung cancer is killing fewer Canadian men than it did in earlier decades, the agency says. About 100,000 lives have been saved in 20 years because of the declining cancer rate, it says.

There have been advances in treatments for several types of cancer, meaning more Canadians are surviving prostate, breast and colorectal cancer as well as for non-Hodgkin lymphoma, said Gillian Bromfield, the cancer society's director of cancer control policy.

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Officer's testimony

Were paramedics told to back off?

A retired Quebec judge accused of killing his wife asked paramedics not to revive her, his murder trial heard. Jacques Delisle said his wife wanted to die, a police officer told the Quebec City court.

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Ex-judge Jacques Delisle. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Life inside

Prison inmates to pay more 'rent'

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews is taking his get-tough-on-crime campaign a step further by making prison inmates pay more for room and board behind bars.

He said Wednesday that Corrections Canada will also eliminate incentive pay for convicts who work in the prison shops and turn the running of all the prison canteens over to inmates.

Toews said the changes will save taxpayers $10 million a year.

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Busted: Credit card scam with world links

A police officer shows confiscated credit card blanks at a Montreal news conference on Wednesday. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

$100 million fraud ring. Police say it was run like a highly organized 'business' with leaders, techies and runners

The Mounties say they have smashed a $100-million debit-and-credit-card fraud ring that bilked people in Ontario — and the world.

Forty-five people have been arrested after about 60 raids in the Montreal area and in Ontario, police say. Sixteen people are on the lam.

The RCMP says the criminal group had accomplices in Vancouver, as well as in countries such as Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, Tunisia and England.

"We are working with our international partners to assist them in identifying the stratagems within their own country," RCMP Supt. Guy Pilon told a news conference Wednesday.

"We believe we've put an end to a significant operation that was (working) here in the province."

The highly organized group was allegedly split in three — with leaders, technicians and runners.

Some members of the group were allegedly modifying ATM machines with fake PIN pads and tiny cameras.

Five-minute windfall

Police said in one attack on bank machines, $30,000 was drained from bank accounts in the Montreal area in just five minutes in the wee hours of the morning.

But the most popular scheme involved allegations of stealing point-of-sale PIN machines from businesses and restaurants and modifying them.

Police said the stolen terminals would be taken to hotels where technicians would hack into the computer processors that held credit- and debit-card information.

The terminals were rigged using Bluetooth technology so that information could be relayed to fraudsters remotely.

The terminals were then returned to businesses and would remain in place for several weeks while data was gleaned from customers and sent remotely to the alleged fraudsters.

Police said the accused face 368 charges that include gangsterism, fraud and identity theft. A gangsterism conviction carries a mandatory minimum sentence.

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Obama supports gay marriage

Controversial stance. Obama is the first U.S. president to publicly support gay marriage

Barack Obama made history Wednesday as he became the first U.S. president to throw his support behind same-sex marriage, a hot-button social issue for many of his fellow Americans as a general election looms.

"I've just concluded that, for me personally, it is important for me to go ahead and affirm that I think same-sex couples should be able to get married," Obama said in an hastily arranged interview with ABC News.

The interview came three days after Vice-President Joe Biden threw his own full support behind same-sex matrimony.

Obama said his previously "evolving" position has changed over the years as he's "talked to friends and family and neighbours, when I think about members of my own staff who are in incredibly committed monogamous relationships, same-sex relationships."

He also mentioned those serving in the military who are "fighting on my behalf and yet feel constrained, even now that 'Don't Ask Don't Tell' is gone, because they are not able to commit themselves in a marriage."

Obama's wife, Michelle, also influenced his decision, he added.

"This is something that, you know, we've talked about over the years ... and she feels the same way that I do," Obama said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Meanwhile, in the GOP ...

Romney responds

Mitt Romney says he believes marriage should be restricted to one man and one woman and that he's held that view "since running for office."

The presumptive Republican nominee for president called same sex-marriage "a very tender and sensitive topic" following President Obama's declaration of support for same-sex marriage.

Romney says states should be able to decide whether to grant certain legal benefits to same-sex couples. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Counterterrorism

FBI head urges continued wide surveillance

FBI Director Robert Mueller urged Congress on Wednesday to renew wide-ranging surveillance authority to thwart terrorism plots like the latest one in which an al-Qaida-engineered explosive device was to have been detonated on a U.S.-bound flight.

Mueller told the House Judiciary Committee the scheme demonstrates that it's essential for Congress to reauthorize counterterrorism tools of 2008. Some of these programs expire at year-end. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Indonesia. Russian plane missing with 50 on board

A new Russian-made passenger plane went missing over mountains in western Indonesia while on a demonstration flight Wednesday arranged for potential buyers. Fifty people were on board, including diplomats, businesspeople and journalists.

Search-and-rescue teams were deployed to the area just south of the capital, Jakarta, said Bambang Ervan, a spokesman for the Ministry of Transportation. He said more than 100 people were still searching the rugged, forested terrain after darkness fell. Bad weather, however, forced at least two helicopters to turn back.

The Sukhoi Superjet-100, Russia's first new passenger jet since the fall of the Soviet Union, took off from the Halim Perdanakusuma Airport for what was supposed to be a quick test flight — its second of the day.

The flight dropped off radar just 21 minutes later, shortly after the crew asked air-traffic control for permission to drop from 3,000 metres to 1,800 metres, said Daryatmo, chief of the national search-and-rescue agency. They didn't explain the change of course, he said.

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An uncertain peace

Ceasefire set to end in Congo

A spokesman for the Congolese army says the military has not made a decision on whether to resume operations in a troubled region after a five-day cease-fire expires Wednesday night.

The military launched an operation in eastern Congo on April 29 after large numbers of soldiers defected and some announced the creation of a new rebel group. A Congo military spokesman said uncertainty surrounds negotiations. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Online gaffe

Thatcher's death wrongly tweeted

The "death" of Margaret Thatcher, the prominent ex-prime minister of Great Britain, was wrongly reported online Wednesday by a most unlikely source.

Mario Dumont.

That's right: the former leader of Quebec's provincial ADQ party leader who's now a local radio talk-show host erroneously announced the death of the famed Iron Lady.

He committed the gaffe on Twitter, but quickly apologized for the error. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Regrets from Moscow

Vladimir Putin passes on U.S. economic summit

The White House says Russian President Vladimir Putin is skipping a planned visit to the United States this month for an economic summit and a much-anticipated meeting with President Barack Obama.

The Russian leader told Obama that he needs to finish work setting up his new Cabinet.

Putin protege Dmitri Medvedev will attend the G-8 meeting instead. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

French first ladies break protocol

First Carla, now Valerie. Two-time divorcee becomes first presidential partner to enter Elysee Palace without wedding ring

Only in France. Carla Bruni-Sarkozy, the superstar model-turned-songstress with a freewheeling lifestyle, now hands the job of first lady to a twice-divorced journalist who's the first presidential partner to enter the Elysee Palace without a ring on her finger.

And as Valerie Trierweiler prepares for her new role alongside President-elect Francois Hollande, in the wings is the woman whose man she stole — Segolene Royal, the mother of Hollande's four children and a former presidential candidate now seeking her own seat of political power.

So what's happening in the land of French officialdom, where protocol and social niceties still count?

Will Trierweiler's name be listed on formal invitations to presidential events, even though she's not his spouse?

Intrigue, love lost, love found and power struggles accompanied the new first couple on their journey to the presidency.

Royal, who soldiered through Hollande's presidential campaign with occasional appearances, now wants a piece of the political pie — as speaker of the lower house of parliament should the Socialists win June legislative elections. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thrust into the spotlight

"I didn't choose to have a public life. I chose Francois."

Valerie Trierweiler wife of President-elect Francois Hollande during an interview with Paris-Match.

Remembering Ukraine's fallen World War II heroes

A boy, wearing a Soviet-army uniform forage cap, places flowers at the monument of the Unknown Soldier at a memorial to World War II veterans in a memorial park in Kiev, Ukraine on Wednesday. Ukrainians continue to celebrate the World War II anniversary and Victory Day on May 9 as a national holiday marking the defeat of Nazi German forces in the Second World War. EFREM LUKATSKY|THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nazi experiments. Last remains of victims buried

They were starved, tortured, and killed for research in Vienna because they were considered inferior to the Aryan ideal set by Adolf Hitler.

On Wednesday workers placed a small metal urn into the ground at the city's Central Cemetery containing last known unburied remains of victims in Austrian psychiatric wards. The Nazis called them "unworthy lives" — those deemed too sick or weak to fit Fuehrer's image of the master race. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mass murder. Details of Jewish ghettos revealed

Details are emerging about more than 1,100 ghettos in Eastern Europe where the Nazis murdered hundreds of thousands of Jews.

Researchers at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington painstakingly collected details for The Encyclopedia of Camps and Ghettos' more than 2,000 pages from the communities where Germans herded Jews and killed them if they tried to escape. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Charged on suspicion of malicious punishment of a child

A U.S. woman and her boyfriend shaved the head of her 12-year-old daughter and forced the girl to wear a diaper and run up and down outside their home because she wasn't doing well at school, police said.

Police arrested the two Monday night on suspicion of malicious punishment of a child. Lt. Mike Monsrud said they laughed as they were taken away and apparently didn't understand why police had intervened. They told police they were punishing the girl because she had bad grades and failed to do her homework.

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Jennifer Hudson case

Defence says prosecution failed

The defence for the man accused of killing relatives of Jennifer Hudson told jurors Thursday that prosecutors failed to prove their case, while prosecutors countered that they had "overwhelming circumstantial evidence" linking him to the crime.

Prosecutors denounced Hudson's former brother-in-law, William Balfour, as the killer and showed jurors photos of the victims' bloody bodies juxtaposed with pictures of them alive.

Hudson, who attended every day of testimony bent forward and sobbed.

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Author E. L. James, left, signs copies of her book Fifty Shades of Grey in Florida. JEFFREY M. BOAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fifty Shades of banned

'Fifty Shades of Grey'. Debate about banning or not ordering the book, a novel about bondage, wild sex and, yes, even love

Public libraries in several U.S. states are pulling the racy romance trilogy "Fifty Shades of Grey" from shelves or deciding not to order the bestseller at all, saying it's too steamy or too poorly written.

Even in the age of e-books and tablets, banning a book from a public library still carries weight because libraries still play such a vital role in providing access to books.

"When a book is removed from the shelf, folks who can't afford a Nook or a Kindle, the book is no longer available to them," said Deborah Caldwell Stone, the deputy director of the American Library Association's office for intellectual freedom.

"Fifty Shades of Grey," a novel about bondage, wild sex and yes, love, has been called "mommy porn" because of its popularity among middle-aged women.

It has become so well-known that "Saturday Night Live" performed a skit about it, joking that a Kindle with "Fifty Shades" on it was the perfect Mother's Day gift.

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Book banning debate

"We believe the Brevard County Public Library System is indulging in an act of censorship, and essentially is saying to library patrons: "We will judge what you can read," said Paul Bogaards, a spokesman for Random House.

- **Libraries in Wisconsin, Georgia and Florida have all either declined to order it or pulled it. Other American states may soon follow "It's semi-pornographic," said a spokesman for Brevard County, Florida.**

Mafia trial. Reputed Mafia boss acquitted of killing a New York cop

A reputed Mafia boss and a co-defendant were convicted Wednesday on racketeering charges but were acquitted in the unsolved killing of an off-duty New York police officer.

Thomas "Tommy Guns" Gioeli, the reputed former boss of the Colombo crime family, had been charged in six murders, including that of Officer Ralph Dols, dating to the 1990s.

Jurors in New York found that he and reputed mob soldier Dino "Little Dino" Saracino were involved in murder plots but concluded that prosecutors failed to prove they killed Dols or the others.

The two defendants smiled after the ruling.

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Big Dino

"We don't typically kill police officers. That's just the rule — you don't hurt kids and you don't kill cops." Star witness and admitted assassin Dino (Big Dino) Calabro, who said he only learned after the killing that the victim was a cop.

Tennessee. Murder charges filed against fugitive and his wife

Murder charges have been filed against the fugitive suspected of killing a Tennessee woman and her teenage daughter and fleeing with her two younger girls.

Two first-degree murder counts against 35-year-old Adam Mayes, who has been sought for more than a week, were announced Wednesday. His wife, Teresa Mayes, also was charged.

An affidavit filed in Bolivar, Tenn., says Teresa Mayes of Guntown, Miss., told authorities she was there April 27 when Adam Mayes, killed Jo Ann Bain and her 14-year-old daughter, Adrienne, at their home. The motive was to kidnap Bain's two young daughters. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Teresa Mayes, wife of Adam Mayes. SHERIFF'S OFFICE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Survivors of shooting rampage testify

Breivik's trial. Court turns down Norway gunman's request to question witnesses

Survivors of a youth camp shooting massacre that left 69 people dead in Norway testified Wednesday about their panicked attempts to hide during the rampage.

Meanwhile, the court turned down confessed gunman Anders Behring Breivik's request to question the survivors on the stand.

Tonje Brenna, a leading member of the Labor Party's youth wing, described how she sought shelter behind rocks on the shore of Utoya island on July 22 as her colleagues were shot around her.

More than half of the 69 people shot were teenagers.

The 33-year-old Norwegian accused of the deadly rampage has showed little sign of emotion during the trial.

Breivik, who has admitted to the July 22 massacre and a bombing in Oslo that killed eight people earlier that day, interrupted the proceedings with a request to pose questions to the witnesses.

When the trial opened, the anti-Muslim crusader pleaded innocent to terror charges even though he admitted to the facts of the case. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"I smelled gunpowder. It stung my eyes."

Tonje Brenna, 24, a member of the Labor Party's youth wing, describing how she sought shelter behind rocks on the shore as her colleagues were shot.

Confessed mass murderer Anders Behring Breivik in court in Oslo, Norway.
HEIKO JUNGE/NTB SCANPIX /THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bomb blast

Close call for UN staff in Syria

A roadside bomb hit a Syrian military truck Wednesday just seconds after the head of the UN observer team drove by. The blast demonstrated the fragility of the international plan to end the country's bloodshed.

U.S. President Barack Obama took steps to extend sanctions against the government of President Bashar Assad, saying Syria poses an "unusual and extraordinary threat" to U.S. national security and diplomatic goals.
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Mexico

Bodies found near tourist hot spot

Police in Mexico have found an undetermined number of bodies stuffed into two vans near Lake Chapala, an area frequented by tourists. It's just south of the city of Guadalajara, in western Jalisco state.

The state prosecutor said the two vehicles were found by the side of a highway and have been towed to police labs. The bodies were found just a few miles from Lake Chapala, an area popular with American retirees.
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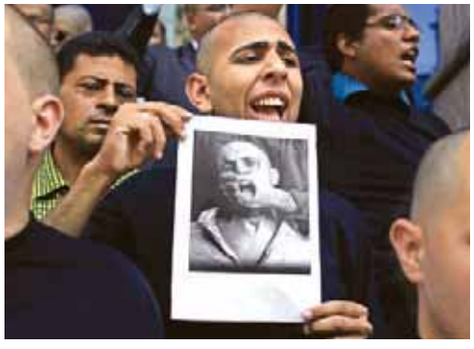

Egyptian journalists protest

Egyptian journalists chant against the ruling military council during a demonstration in front of the Journalists Syndicate in Cairo Wednesday. Wearing black T-shirts and having shaved their heads, they protested against the assault and arrest of colleagues. NASSER NASSER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Labour protest diffused by water cannons

A government employee in Kashmir falls as Indian police use coloured water from a water cannon to disperse protestors in Srinagar, India, on Wednesday. The employees were demanding payment of wage arrears and asking for the retirement age to be raised, among other demands. MUKHTAR KHAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Man killed by crocodile during rescue attempt

Tragedy in Zimbabwe.
A nightmarish end to a day of fishing for two friends as giant reptiles strike, dragging rescuer to his death

A Zimbabwean man was killed while trying to rescue his friend from attacking crocodiles in northwest Zimbabwe, a fishing club said Wednesday.

The National Anglers' Union said that Frank Trott, aged in his 70s, died after trying to rescue a friend paddling along the shoreline at Charara fishing camp. His friend survived but sustained wounds to his mid-section and buttocks.

Two crocodiles were shot dead by wildlife rangers after last week's attack. Remnants of the victim — including intestines and clothing — were found along the remote shores of Lake Kariba. No other remains were found.

Lake Kariba

300 kilometre-long Lake Kariba in northeastern Zimbabwe is the world's largest artificial lake, by volume.

- The lake, which straddles the border with Zambia, was formed between 1958 and 1963 after the creation of a hydroelectric dam.
- Lake Kariba is a leisure resort for fishing, boating and wildlife sightseeing. It also serves as a habitat for crocodiles and hippos.

The dead man was dragged away by a giant crocodile after going to assist his friend, said Mike Brennan, head of the fishing group. The friend, aged in his 40s and a fellow farmer with experience in the African wilderness, was treated for his wounds.

Brennan said the two had returned from a day outing Thursday on the lake for dinner and drinks at the fishing camp.

The survivor's wounds suggested he had been wading waist-deep in the lake when the crocodile attacked late in the evening. Trott was seized by a second large crocodile resting in long grass when he raced into the water to answer his friend's cries for help.

Brennan said a memorial service for Trott is scheduled Friday.

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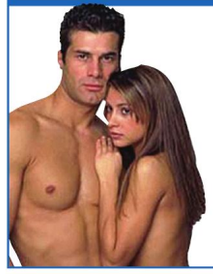
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Millions join together on May 15 in the 'largest collaborative photography project'

This May 15, Metro readers worldwide are invited to take part in "the largest collaborative photography project in history."

Aday.org asks pro and amateur photographers on one day only this May to take their cameras and capture moments in their daily life. Organizers literally want to get a snapshot of the world we now live in.

"We are encouraging millions to photograph their daily life that will give millions of perspectives for immediate exploration and historic reflection," Ayperi Karabuda Ecer, editor-in-chief of Aday.org, told Metro.

This global event, lauded by luminaries such as Nobel Peace Prize laureate Desmond Tutu and pop artist Robyn, will see millions of images generated for what organizers hope will give a "planetary message for the future."

"This will be an unprecedented mixture of capturing the energy of one single day with preserving it for generations to come," says Ecer, who is vice-president of pictures at Reuters and is on sabbatical leave for the Aday.org project.

Hundreds of Aday.org photo experts, including some 30 World Press Photo winners, are now planning what they'll capture on the day. Photographers must take their images on May 15 and will have one week to upload onto the Aday.org website. The photographs will then be posted on a online database, "an 'exploration centre' to view what the world has shot," Ecer says.

A Day in the World, a book with a thousand images from the project, will be published in November. An exhibition will be screened on outdoor screens in city centres worldwide."

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What to shoot

- **Home.** Anything from mealtimes to your cherished household bric-à-brac.
- **Work.** All matters connected to work, whether it's commuting, office banter or simply doing your job.
- **Connections.** Think how you connect with generations, identity and technology, as well as community and environment.

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For some, it's bedtime — for others, it's fun. But for the Aday.org project, it's an insight into the world we live in.
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Crops take a hit in Ontario

Seasonal. Alternating warm and cold spring weather causes losses to tender-fruit and apple growers

Early warm weather in March, followed by sudden flash freezes, has caused devastating losses to tender-fruit and apple growers in a large part of southern Ontario, industry insiders said Wednesday.

Wild swings in temperature have left several apple orchards without a single viable blossom, meaning they won't grow any fruit, said Brian Gilroy, head of the Ontario Apple Growers.

Others will see a significantly smaller yield — at least 20 per cent less than usual — making for a short supply of locally grown apples in stores this fall, he predicted.

"We'll do the best we can to get the consumer some apples this year but Mother Nature has made it extremely difficult," he said.

Unusual weather has ravaged apple-growing regions in the northeast United States and Quebec as well as Ontario, but growers in western regions, such as Washington State, have remained largely unscathed so far, Gilroy said.

That means struggling farmers are limited in how much they can raise prices to recoup their losses, he said.

Consumers will still likely see their grocery bills rise, he said, adding that stores will need produce from out of the province to fill the void.

In Ontario, the apple industry alone is worth up to $400 million, said agriculture specialist John Cline of the University of Guelph. Roughly 2,800 people are employed in the province's apple orchards, including 2,300 foreign workers hired during the growing season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Court overturns Civic ruling

Heather Peters, who said her 2006 Honda Civic Hybrid never achieved the gas mileage Honda claimed in its advertising, pleads her case in small claims court in Torrance, Calif., in this Jan. 3 photo. A Los Angeles County judge has overturned a nearly $10,000 small-claims judgment against American Honda Motor Co. that was won by Peters. The ruling found that most owners of that type of car achieve fuel economy close to federal EPA estimates. Peters opted out of a class-action settlement giving some 200,000 owners between $100 and $200 each, plus a rebate if they buy a new Honda, electing instead to sue the automaker on her own. REED SAXON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, FILE

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BlackBerry. Smartphone maker gets U.S. patent

Research in Motion (RIM), the Waterloo, Ont.-based smartphone maker, has been granted a patent from the United States Patent and Trademark Office for an "angular keyboard for a handheld mobile communication device."

Submitted in January 2009, RIM's patent application outlined a newly designed smartphone keyboard with angled lines separating each key.

RIM said the unique keyboard makes it easier for users to type and increases accuracy.

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Tim Hortons

Coffee chain flourishes despite tough times

Financially squeezed coffee drinkers have largely been undeterred from frequent visits to Tim Hortons Inc., but the coffee-and-doughnut chain said it has seen a decline in hard-hit manufacturing towns.

Tim Hortons reported Wednesday a 10-per-cent increase in first-quarter earnings and a 12-per-cent rise in sales, driven by strong same-store sales growth in both its Canadian and U.S. stores. The growth came despite a challenging market that included high unemployment and gas prices. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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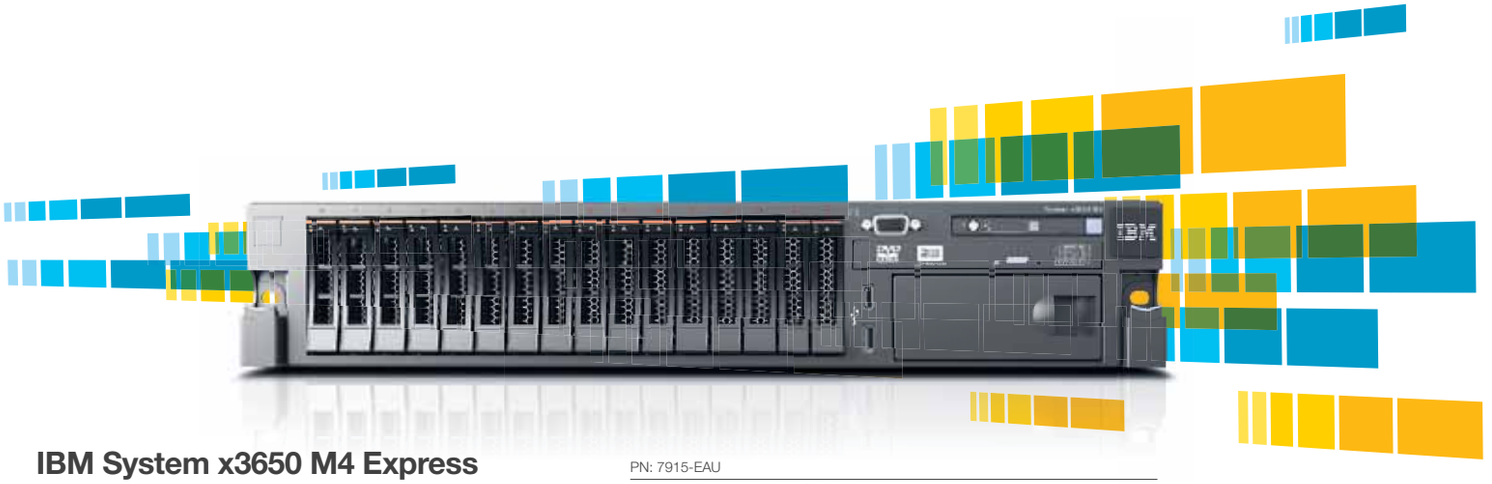

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HUNGRY HOLLYWOOD

HE SAYS...
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Summer is almost here — and that means summer movie season has been underway for only 14 weeks.

That might seems counter-intuitive, but that's only because you don't think like a movie exec (sniffing a marker helps).

The reason that "summer" "films" start while you're getting over your New Year's hangover is, of course, that they make more money. Hollywood "event movies" attract more people willing to pay $13 ($47 with popcorn) because those films have a greater number of complex thematic elements involving explosions, car chases and bosoms.

So if you expand the summer to include months that aren't technically summer, you can expand on your explosions, and squeeze in more breasts and crash for cash.

This is vital to the modern movie exec because, as any trade publication will tell you, the movie industry is worse off financially than Greece. Attendance was down so far last year that insiders were comparing it to way back in — cross yourself if you're Christian — 1995.

Blockbusters

"They pull in crowds and often can save money by avoiding the services of a writer. Instead, a computer runs components of comedy, drama and pathos through a series of algorithms, then recommends a comic-book movie."

What with Hollywood's money woes, I expect George Clooney and Brad Pitt to be on the streets soon, putting down their bindles so they can throw rocks (and maybe the barrels they're wearing) at the Hollywood Riot Police. Somebody will say, "I'm getting too old for this" and Morgan Freeman will die one day before retirement.

So summer flicks are important. They pull in crowds and often can save money by avoiding the services of a writer. Instead, a computer runs components of comedy, drama and pathos through a series of algorithms, then recommends a comic-book movie.

The good news is this ploy usually saves the movie industry (and without a moment to spare!). The bad news is it will only be successful until 2024, when Hollywood will burn through the last possible remaining superhero adaptation (Aquaman III: War Seahorse).

It's a bad scene all around. If people stop going to the movies, they'll have to stop making them. Or stop paying actors $10 million a film — but that would be madness.

So, I beg of you, please go see all the summer flicks you can. If not for Hollywood, then for me.

You see, movies like The Avengers and Spider-Man and Battleship (Battleship?!) help keep the industry afloat so I can sit alone in theatres watching subtitled films that I pretend to understand. I'll accept your car chases and explosions and bosoms, if you'll accept my subtitles and nonsense scenes and, okay, bosoms.

Summer movie season keeps expanding even as I hope that movies will get smaller. Or as Hollywood puts it, "I'm getting too old for this."

The Avengers: Keeping Hollywood afloat one explosion at a time.
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Number of iPad users climbs

J PAT CARTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Orangutan friendly

They aren't just monkeying around

Experts who work with primates have been using sign language and other methods to communicate with apes for years. But with advancements in tablet computer technology, workers at Jungle Island in Miami are using iPads to better communicate with their orangutans, such as the one pictured above.

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Sound familiar?

"Our young ones pick up on it. They understand it. It's like, 'Oh, I get this' ... Our two older ones, they just are not interested. I think they just figure, 'I've gotten along just fine in this world without this communication skill here and the iPad, and I don't need a computer.'"

Linda Jacobs, who oversees the technology experiment at Miami's Jungle Island

Multi- touch

Intelligent mammals without voice boxes

Orangutans are extremely intelligent but limited by their physical inability to talk, said Linda Jacobs, who is head of the Miami-based program.

"They are sort of trapped in those bodies," Jacobs said. "They have the intelligence that they need to communicate, but they don't have the right equipment, because they don't have voice boxes or vocal cords."

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Tablet

Add 'tech savvy' to their resume

Scientist and conservationist Birute Mary Galdikas, founder of Orangutan Foundation International, said orangutans are among the most intelligent animals.

"IPads seem to work for humans. It's not surprising that orangutans, who share 97 per cent of their genetic material with humans, like them, too," Galdikas said.

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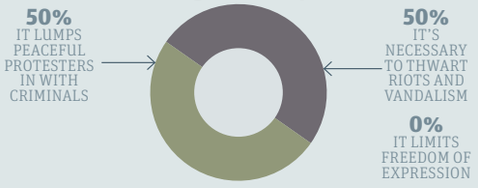

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@Cory_inthe_Dory: Baby born in Tim Hortons already has type 2 diabetes from exposure to shitty food.

@variantmule: Seriously, I'm ecstatic that Barack Obama is the first American President in a while to actually act American. With the freedom and all.

@Mike_Fahmy: Finally the #BlueJays realize Cordero isn't on the right side of a declining career as a closer, Casey Janssen finally gets his shot

@Su_Spended: Why is it even a question of whether to pay temporary workers less? Canada used to respect everyone who comes to our great country. #cdnpoli

@ShawnaLeeC: Dear Maurice Sendak, you shall be missed.... and always remembered. XO.

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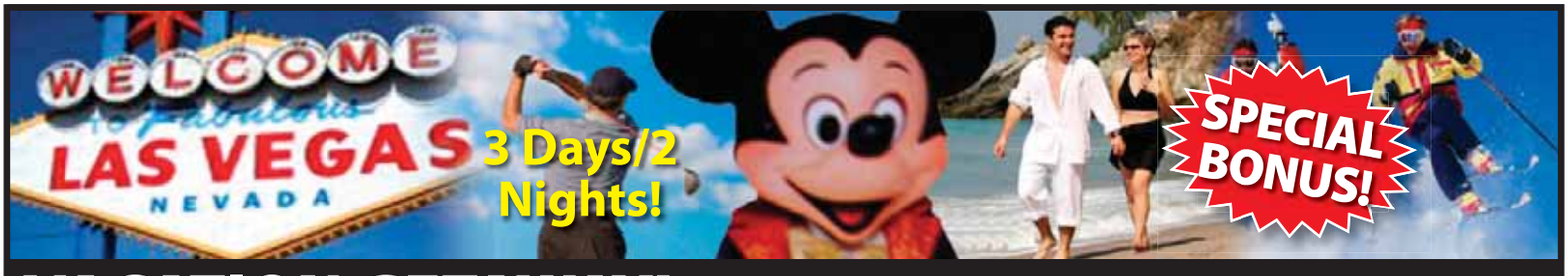

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New role

Atwell to star in Gil Junger's 10 Things I Hate About Life

Hayley Atwell of Captain America: The First Avenger will be starring in a new film with a somewhat familiar title. Intandem Films said Wednesday that Atwell has been cast in 10 Things I Hate About Life, a romantic comedy to be written and directed by Gil Junger. Junger directed the hit 1999 movie 10 Things I Hate About You, which starred Heath Ledger, Julia Stiles and Joseph Gordon-Levitt. Intandem will produce 10 Things I Hate About Life with Mad Chance Productions, according to literary and talent agency APA. The 30-year-old, London-born Atwell was a 2010 Laurence Olivier Awards nominee for the play A View From the Bridge. Her other film credits include The Duchess and Brideshead Revisited.

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On the web

Ex-Village People lead singer wins legal battle to regain rights to Y.M.C.A.

Young Jean Lee's latest play The Shipment opens May 12 at Harbourfront Enwave Theatre. HANDOUT

Provocative Shipment explores identity politics

Young Jean Lee. Asian American playwright's latest offering takes the audience on a journey into African American culture

BACKSTAGE PASS
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What could a first-generation Korean-American possibly have to say about the African-American experience? A lot, apparently.

The Shipment was created three years ago by rising New York playwright Young Jean Lee as a way of exploring African-American identity through satire. It came hot on the heels of a pair of works tackling Christianity and Asian-American identity in a similar manner.

"I start all my shows by asking myself what's the last play I'd want to write? Then I end up writing that," she explains. "I'm really not into identity politics."

Named after a track by rap duo The Coup, the critically praised play started life as hip-hop theatre, complete with dancers. But early reactions in workshops were mixed, with many people finding the piece "unintentionally offensive."

So Lee ditched the dancers and hired a quintet of actors whom she polled for ideas.

The result became a smashing success and led to tours across the States and to Europe, where the group encountered some curious reactions.

While all of her plays tend to spark extreme reactions from audiences, Lee insists that she's not out to provoke. Rather, it's her own complacency that she's trying to shake up. "I'm always my first audience member," she says. "The end result is that the audience gets shaken as well."

The Shipment opens May 12 at Harbourfront Enwave Theatre, 231 Queens Quay W. $45.

Time to create

Gamers and designers alike should check out TO Jam's seventh installment this weekend. The annual event asks game developers of all levels to create a brand new game in just three days.

- **"We're simulating crunch time," says co-organizer Jim McGinley. "We organize it, but the people that attend it run it."**

Things set to heat up for Cold Specks

When a new singer is obscured by not one but two pseudonyms — as is the case with buzzy Canadian upstart Cold Specks — it first seems as though she's intentionally cultivating mystery, an increasingly popular publicity strategy in music.

But the rapidly rising Etobicoke, Ont., chanteuse — who uses the second alias Al Spx when introducing herself in friendly conversation — insists that all the secrecy has nothing to do with trying to court curiosity.

"My family, for one, they're religious and they wouldn't be too pleased with the content of the album. And also I'm really private.... I'm proud of the music, but I just feel I'd rather not have a bunch of strangers know who I am."

A few months ago, it would have been startlingly premature — not to mention presumptuous — for Spx, a fledgling artist with no album to her name, to be worried about the dangers of fame.

But now, with debut album I Predict a Graceful Expulsion due out on May 22, and with the British press having worked itself into one of its trademark tizzies over her, she just looks prescient. Ready or not, Spx will be under the spotlight soon.

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Privacy is paramount for Al Spx. HO-KILLBEAT MUSIC/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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DJ Kid Koala says his turntable work has greatly improved since Deltron 3030's acclaimed 2000 debut album. HANDOUT

New Deltron 3030 album a decade in the making

Hip-hop supergroup. Canadian DJ Kid Koala again teams up with star rapper Del the Funky Homosapien and revered producer Dan the Automator

Canadian DJ Kid Koala says Deltron 3030's decade-in-the-making sophomore record is finally finished, and the long-awaited album easily surpasses the beloved original.

That should be comforting news for fans of the groundbreaking alt-rap trio — which also includes Bay Area rapper Del the Funky Homosapien and producer Dan the Automator — who have been waiting for 12 years for a follow-up to the group's sole groundbreaking release.

"I think it crushes the first one, personally," the affable Vancouver-raised DJ — whose real name is Eric San — said in a recent interview in Toronto.

"It's levelled up for me — Dan's production, my turntable work and Del's rhymes. I think it's all better. And even as a group, it feels like we understand how the parts fit more....

"A lot of the tracks are a bit more uptempo, I guess. There's an urgency to them."

It might be strange to hear San use the word "urgency" for a project that's been in gestation since the hip-hop supergroup's forward-thinking debut dropped back in 2000.

That record achieved instant cult status, deservedly hailed for its richly-coloured soundscapes, panoramic ambition and Del's meticulously sketched sci-fi musings.

Organized loosely around the concept of a dystopic future where humans and hip-hop are similarly oppressed, Deltron 3030's visionary space opera influenced a decade of similarly eccentric genre-hopping projects — most notably Gorillaz, whose platinum-selling debut featured all three Deltron members.

The trio will reunite for their first performance in years at Toronto's Luminato Festival on June 11. More Canadian dates in Montreal, Halifax and Ottawa will follow, which means Canadian fans will get the first opportunity to hear the new songs, since there's still no release date yet for the new material.

That last part will worry fans of the project who have already waited through seemingly endless delays. San says he began working on the album in 2002, and there were rumours of progress in the meantime that seemed to indicate the record would be released. So he understands the skepticism that seems to greet each report of fresh progress — he even pulls his phone out of his pocket to play a few of the new tracks, just to prove "it's real."

He said interest in the project did seem to grow dramatically over the group's break.

"We were waiting for Del to get inspired to actually write. He's such a big component, obviously. When he decided it was clear conceptually what he wanted to rhyme about, it all came together really quickly."

San is also readying a new solo release for the fall, entitled 12-Bit Blues.

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No sophomore jinx

"I think it crushes the first one, personally."

DJ Kid Koala
Canadian hip-hop star believes this collaboration with Del the Funky Homosapien and Dan the Automator is even better than their previous effort

Kid Koala's crew

The other members of Deltron 3030 also have impressive resumes:

- **Del the Funky Homosapien.** Born Teren Jones, Del has worked with Gorillaz, Da Lench Mob and Ice Cube.
- **Dan the Automator.** Dan Nakamura, a classically trained violinist, helped found Gorillaz

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China Heavyweight. Film explores the politics behind Asian pugilism

In Yung Chang's award-winning debut film Up the Yangtze, the titular river served as a free-flowing metaphor for China itself: barrelling forward into the 21st century as history crumbled in its wake.

The Montreal-based director's excellent follow-up China Heavyweight is similarly poetic, using the exploits of two young boxers from a rural community and their instructor, Coach Qi to tell a larger story about a country in flux.

"Boxing is all about the individual, " says Chang, "and in this film we see how the individuals are trying to separate themselves from the conformity of the collective.

China Heavyweight opens in Toronto this Friday. HANDOUT

There's a wonderful parallel between the sport and a country trying to break away to find itself."

The idea of young men literally fighting their way out of poverty is a powerful one, but the most compelling figure in China Heavyweight is Coach Qi, a former star whose loving dedication to his students is balanced against a desire to take one last shot at glory for himself.

"The headlines [in China] are all about corruption and greed and the moral void in the country right now," says Chang.

"For me, while making the movie, Coach Qi became the last Chinese hero — this character trying to instil virtue and morals to the younger generation. He really became a larger than life figure to me." ADAM NAYMAN, METRO

Depp, Burton team up again for remake of 60s vampire tale

Dark Shadows. Veteran actor and director team up for the eighth time to bring popular '60s TV series to the big screen

Depp wanted to make sure his vampire looked like a vampire. HANDOUT

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Aside from being a huge fan of the original 1960s TV series, there was another reason Johnny Depp was so keen to team up with Tim Burton for Dark Shadows, about a dysfunctional Maine family with a vampire patriarch. The star was troubled by the depiction of vampires thanks to the popularity of the Twilight series.

"I think it was during Sweeney Todd where I think I just blurted out in mid-conversation, 'God, maybe we should do a vampire movie together where you actually have a vampire that looks like a vampire,'" Depp remembers.

Depp and Burton — who have teamed up on eight feature films now — share both an obvious affinity for each other as well as an appreciation for the darker elements of horror.

"As a child, you have this fascination. I certainly had this fascination with monsters and vampires as did Tim and whatever this darkness, this mystery, this intrigue," Depp explains. "And then, as you get older, you recognize the erotic nature of the vampire and the idea of the undead."

So what does a vampire look like, according to Depp and Burton? Pale skin and fangs, to be sure, but Depp also had to don elaborate prosthetics to give his fingers an extra joint, plus long, pointy fingernails. "In every film that I've been lucky enough to do with Tim, there's always some form of torture, and the nails were Tim's idea," Depp says. "They were the length of the fingers and stuff, but it was OK because I had a troop of people who would help me go to the bathroom. They had to have treatment afterwards but they're OK now."

And then there are those teeth.

The film finds Depp's Barnabas Collins awakening in 1972 after being interred for 200 years. Needless to say, he's a bit caught off-guard — but nearly as much as the poor construction workers who find him. "I felt as though I was biting one of the Village People," Depp says of his first on-screen kill as a vampire. "When you had the fangs in, you wanted to be a little bit careful that you didn't actually pierce the jugular, kind of like my experience shaving Alan Rickman [in Sweeney Todd] — which by the way neither of us want to do again, especially Alan."

How it started

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Johnnt Depp, leading man
Explaining why he and Burton teamed up to remake Dark Shadows and why his character would be out of place in the Twilight movies.

Favourite role

It's not Jack Sparrow or Sweeney Todd

Captain Jack Sparrow. Sweeney Todd. Edward Scissorhands. Gilbert Grape. Over the course of his 28-year career in film, Johnny Depp has collected quite the array of oddball alter-egos. But what if could pick one to inhabit for the rest of his life? Would he go with the charming pirate, the menacing barber — or perhaps the stuffy vampire of "Dark Shadows"?

"Wow," he says, giving the idea some serious consideration. "Probably the Earl of Rochester." Depp is referring to a rather bold performance in his lesser-known 2004 film, "the Libertine," in which he starred as John Wilmot, a 17th century poet who famously drank and debauched his way to an early grave, dying of syphilis at 33. Nice work if you can get it.

NED EHRBAR

Richards, Sambora back together

Five years after splitting up, Richie Sambora and Denise Richards are back together, they confirm to Us Weekly. And it turns out Richards' recent adoption of a baby girl helped win Sambora over again.

"That is just a wonderful, wonderful, wonderful thing. When she did that, it just made me fall in love with her more," he says.

"It's such a beautiful thing to do. It's such a giving thing."

Richards also has two daughters, 8-year-old Sam and 6-year-old Lola, with ex-husband Charlie Sheen.

Justin Bieber

Biebs gets his diploma

Justin Bieber can add high-school graduate to his list of accomplishments, he tells the Daily Telegraph.

"I just finished high school," says Bieber, who managed to squeeze in time for classes and studying while on the road. "I passed my test. I'm free! It was hard doing school and work every day." So why was finishing school so important to the top-selling pop sensation? "(Getting my diploma) was something my mom really wanted me to do, so I had to do it for her," he says.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Christina's still a fighter

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You know The Voice has arrived in the world of reality TV when its feuding judges are making more headlines than the contestants. Jermaine Paul may have been crowned the winner Tuesday night, but all eyes were on Christina Aguilera.

Some called out Aguilera for being unreasonably harsh with contestant Tony Lucca — a fellow Mickey Mouse club alum — which reportedly led to problems with Lucca's mentor on the show, Maroon 5 frontman Adam Levine.

"You could cut the tension with a knife," a source tells UsMagazine.com of Monday night's taping.

"Adam also talks a ton of s— about Christina and makes fun of her behind her back."

While Christina claims it's not personal and doesn't even remember Lucca from their Disney days, another Mouseketeer isn't so sure.

"Britney was in love with (Lucca). Christina was in love with him. Mylin was in love with him," Dale Godboldo tells TMZ. "All of this (Voice) madness was not brought on by Tony."

Christina reportedly apologized backstage to Lucca for the drama, but come on — this is the closest thing a child star has to walking into her high-school reunion looking hot. If she needs to spin around in her Voice space chair and pretend not to recognize the chubby quarterback begging for approval in front of her, we say go for it.

John Travolta. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Another lawsuit filed against Travolta

A second unidentified man has filed a $2 million sexual battery suit against John Travolta, according to Radar Online. The new accusation centres on a massage session in an Atlanta hotel during which a naked Travolta allegedly behaved in a sexually aggressive and forceful manner.

The new accuser claims to have "substantial documentation and numerous witnesses regarding the substance of Travolta's actions," according to the lawsuit.

The second man is being represented by the same lawyer who brought forward another man's accusations late last week that the actor made unwanted sexual advances during a massage.

Travolta's lawyer calls the second lawsuit "as absurd and ridiculous as the first one."

Hoffman the hero

Dustin Hoffman jumped into action after seeing a jogger collapse in London from a heart attack, calling paramedics and staying by the man's side until he was OK, according to the Sun.

"Dustin was fascinated," a paramedic tells the newspaper. "He seemed impressed we'd got this guy back so quickly. When we were carrying the patient into the ambulance he walked up and said, 'Great job, guys.' He really appreciated what had happened."

As for the jogger?

"I have no memory of what happened," the man, Sam Dempster, says. "The paramedics told me I had been saved by Dustin Hoffman. It's unbelievable."

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Style in brief

Would you wear l'eau de Brad Pitt?

Brad Pitt is the new face of Chanel's No. 5 perfume. The French-based company announced Wednesday that the 48-year-old actor will star in an upcoming ad campaign for its signature women's scent. Other famous names who have been the face of Chanel include Catherine Deneuve, Nicole Kidman and Audrey Tautou. Chanel's founding designer, the late Coco Chanel, also modeled in ads in 1937 for what is now the company's oldest fragrance. It remains one of the world's top-selling perfumes. Pitt, once named People magazine's Sexiest Man Alive, is engaged to longtime companion Angelina Jolie.
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On the web

Beyond floral prints: Native New Yorker's innovative living dresses bring Central Park to North Dakota

There's No Doubt Stefani line will be a hit at Target

Dressing tweens. Stylish singer balances fun fashion with age-appropriate items in her new line for young girls

Gwen Stefani is no stranger to multitasking, juggling her music career — she's wrapping up a new album with No Doubt — and her fashion projects, which include the debut of the newest Harajuku Mini collection at Target next week.

But, Stefani says, it's her sons that mostly keep her on her toes. Some days, running Kingston, 6, and Zuma, 4, back and forth to school, doing homework and tucking them into bed seems to take up the biggest part of her day.

"I like to be with them whenever I can, of course," the 42-year-old singer-designer says. Her mother was very hands-on, and Stefani says that's what she's striving to do. Some of her favourite memories include wearing Holly Hobbie bonnets and velvet dresses with lace collars that her mother made for her.

"Growing up, I had a really amazing mom who was really creative. She made stuff for every holiday, and I learned how to sew. ... She has really good style — and I feel like my parents let me be creative — but they'd always check my skirt length," Stefani says.

Stefani has been designing her LAMB line for women for nine years, so, she says, this collaboration on a children's line came pretty easily because she knows the design and manufacturing process, has more ideas than she knows what to do with, and has learned to edit herself for a clear, consumer-friendly message.

Plus, how much fun is it to dress up grade-school girls?

"When I first started this line, I thought it was going to be for under 5, but Target wanted me to do the bigger girls, which is a really strange age," she says.

"They're so inspired by things they see, trying to find themselves, expressing themselves. They're influenced by friends, what they see on TV and the Internet. I thought it sounded like a big job but I've gotten into it."

The clothes, available in stores Monday, are a mix of the girlie frills and masculine silhouettes that Stefani says are staples of her own wardrobe.

And she's conscious of being age-appropriate.

"That part is challenging," she says, "but I think we've done a good job."
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Fashion wars

Stylish kids

While tween girls are willing to take style advice from Gwen Stefani, her sons have no problem saying "no," especially Kingston, who likes to pick out his own outfits any chance he gets because he wears a uniform to school. Mom still wins the fashion wars occasionally, though. "I do like to do a matching outfit at holiday time," she says.

Despite being a fashion icon, Gwen Stefani says her son Kingston loathes to take advice from mom. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The many faces of Marc

His outfit at this week's Met Ball all but seals it: Marc Jacobs just might be the Madonna of the fashion-design world when it comes to reinvention. We look back at his transformation from shy, pale, bespectacled hipster to hard-bodied, Mediterranean-style hotness in a lace dress.

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Marc Jacobs at the Met Ball this week.

ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

The early days

Long-haired and slightly rumpled, like that cool TA from your undergrad days.

Hip and lean

Retro tees replace the button-downs. The shirts are just tight enough to reveal a hint of a six-pack.

Caesar style

Contact lenses! Who knew his eyes were so dreamy? The blue-dyed Caesar haircut highlights the green and amber flecks of his peepers just so.

Skirting around

With the jawline of a Greek god and rock-hard legs, Marc wows us with his body — in a skirt.

Dressing the part

Because those legs mustn't go to waste, a streamlined dress seems like a natural progression from the kilt. The pilgrim shoes take the look to a new level of boldness. Is this the same shy guy from 2005? Almost hard to believe!

Accessorize. Vogue Japan's fashion director takes her looks to H&M

Anna dello Russo, the one-woman fashion-week extravaganza, is taking her über-glam, more-is-more aesthetic to high street, designing a collection of accessories for H&M.

It's the first time that the Swedish-chain has collaborated with a fashion editor and a testament to how the Vogue Japan fashion director's celebrity has grown beyond the bloggerati circuit, where she became famous for her multiple daily outfit changes and head-to-toe runway looks.

"The collection is a celebration of excess, fantasy and decoration," said H&M's creative adviser Margareta van den Bosch before giving a sneak peek of the collection, which includes — surprise, surprise — lots of chunky gold in the form of bijoux jewellery and clutch bags in addition to bejewelled sunglasses.

Anna dello Russo

"With these pieces everybody can have fun turning an ordinary day into a fantastic fashion day," ADR adds.

The Baroque goods will hit stores on Oct. 4.

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Tip Top style

Here's a fashion tip for guys who are about to suit up for prom or graduation: this year it's all about boldly coloured shirts with matching or coordinating ties. And how sweet is this: more often than not, it's the guys's date who helps him choose the right colour so that his shirt is coordinated with her dress.

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Getting dressed

Summer-music-festival season has officially begun. Here's our handy style guide to looking good while rocking out.

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YOU'VE SCORED TICKETS TO GLASTONBURY AND THE WEATHER FORECAST LOOKS:

SUNNY

Go for Isabel Marant's Navajo-inspired sweatshirt, ($560, mytheresa.com), and wear it with a pair of cut-off denim shorts and Minnetonka boots (they're trendy again, thanks to Kate Moss.)

OVERCAST, RAINY AND CHILLY

Keep the sweatshirt and cut-offs, but lose the shoes. Instead, water-proof your look with a plastic mac (we like this one by ASOS, $79.40, asos.com) and boots that will hold up in the mud, like a pair of Dr. Martens.

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Get your spring glow on

Brighten your look with these cheery fashion-editor picks for the warmer weather

Glamazon glow

Few do sun-kissed as well as Victoria's Secret. Hence the reason for trying the brand's new Beach Sexy Bronzing Shimmer Powder and Tinted Self-Tan Body Spray. For instant gilding worthy of the lingerie catwalk, the line's Tinted Body Lotion With Shimmer is sublimely sexy. From $14, victoriassecret.com.

DEBORAH FULSANG

Bellissimo!

Guerlain's Terra Azzurra by Emilio Pucci summer collection delights in its tailored details: the Bronzing Powder and Blush's smooth wooden compact, Pucci-printed cases, beautifully embossed powder and Portofino-inspired sun-soaked shades. The sexy gloss Porto Azzuro is a sheer indigo that reads sultry lilac on lips. From $24 to $76, guerlain.com The Bay, Murale.

JANINE FALCON

After-school special

We love the sheer mineral blush and punchy, pigmented, creamy lip colour from Whistler, B.C.-based Lippy Girl. Created by chemist and teacher Darcey Diehl, it's natural makeup for cheeks and lips. Shown: Lippy Girl Organic Lipstick in Mother Pucker (berry) and Vexy Vixen (hot pink). $16, ebeauty.ca.

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Style pick

Holding your (other) assets

Because the bra doesn't do enough on its own, a Seattle-based company called JoeyBra has created one that doubles as a handbag — only it's carried next to the breast.

Basically, the bra comes with a side pocket in which you can store an iPhone, credit cards, makeup kit — you name it. Never mind the conundrum of how to actually get the stuff out of the bra when it's time to make a quick call.

The geniuses behind the product are two University of Washington students who were struck by inspiration when thinking about their school's fraternity and sorority system — read: all those drunk girls who lose their purses while dancing on top of bars. joeybra.com. METRO WORLD NEWS

A quick phone call could prove difficult. HANDOUT

Style pick. Levi's spruces up your morning ride with new Commuter series

Lycra, leggings and a fluoro vest have never been big hitters with the fashion-savvy cyclist. Enter Levi's new cycling range. Their reworked 511 slim-fit jeans allow for greater stretch and mobility — perfect for when you're pumping the pedals. Team Levi's have even found a way to stop your jeans from embarrassingly riding low and giving a show to the drivers tailing you. Other highlights include reflective tape on interior cuffs, water-resistant, dirt-repellent NanoSphere treatment and sanitized technology to help avoid that damp, sweaty stench. MWN

Levi's reworked 511 slim-fit jeans are great for cycling. HANDOUT

Today's pick

Kenzo for Vans

Vans has churned out too many special editions of its classic Era shoe to count. Some of them have been really good. Others have been rather odd (pink Hello Kitty lace-ups, anyone?) But its latest collaboration with Kenzo achieves a rare perfect balance, basically creating a kind of prototype for what the skate shoe should be: colourful, a little offbeat and very cool. $115, kenzo.com.
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@Jeanne_Beker: Flying to Paris this wknd so can't be with mum on Mother's Day. What's the best way to let mom know you love her when you can't be there?

@allisplural
set her up on skype and perhaps reprint a fav photo of you two? :) #timeandmemory

@MAHADEV_108
Send her a picture of the two of you in a card with your scent. #takesthemback

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Be her first phone call in the morning and scream her praises before she can say hello! #MothersDay 'when you can't be there'

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Surprise mom: Skip scrambled eggs for more sophisticated bites

No matter how much she would appreciate it, and no matter how much you love your mom, you aren't likely to make croissants from scratch.

The trick is to outsource the pastry. While technically not the same as true croissant dough, sheets of frozen puff pastry can stand in just fine.

Keep the recipe simple by sprinkling the croissants with a blend of cinnamon sugar.

You also could place a dollop of jam at the wide end of each triangle of dough before rolling.

Cinnamon Sugar Croissants

This recipe makes 24 servings. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 17.3-ounce package froze puff pastry, thawed (each package contains 2 pastry sheets)
- 4 tablespoons butter, melted

1. Heat oven to 375 F. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. Then in a bowl, mix cinnamon and sugar. Set aside.

2. One at a time, unwrap and unfold the sheets of puff pastry. Use a paring knife to cut the sheet in half lengthwise. Starting in one corner, cut each half into 6 triangles. Use a rolling pin to lightly roll out each triangle to just barely flatten. Lightly brush the triangles with melted butter.

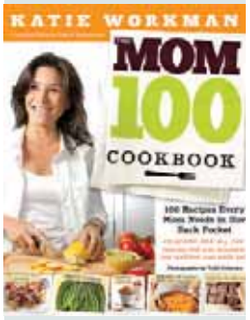
3. Sprinkle a bit of the cinnamon sugar over each triangle. One at a time, start with the wide end of each triangle and roll it into a log. Gently bend the ends so they curve inward to form a crescent.

4. Transfer to the prepared baking sheets. Repeat the rolling with the remaining triangles.

5. Brush the tops of each croissant with a bit more butter, then sprinkle a bit more cinnamon sugar over each. Bake for 20 minutes, or until puffed and lightly browned. Let cool for several minutes, then serve warm. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cookbook of the Week

The Mom 100 Cookbook



Thanks to The Mom 100 Cookbook by Katie Workman, founding editor of cookstr.com, the 20 most common cooking-for-kids dilemmas that every mom faces are now solved.

Workman covers it all, packing the book with recipes, tips, techniques and wisdom for staying happy in the kitchen while keeping it homemade. Her solutions include: The English Muffin Pizza as a breakfast alternative, entrées to feed the overnight vegetarian convert, best-shot vegetable dishes and seafood mains that even the fish-phobic will gladly embrace. METRO

Easy yet fancy Eggs En Cocotte

1. Heat the oven to 375 F. Arrange four 4-ounce ramekins in a baking dish. Bring a small saucepan of water to a boil.

2. Pour 1/2 tablespoon of the heavy cream into the bottom of each ramekin. Sprinkle 1 tablespoon of the shredded prosciutto into each, then top with an egg. Top each egg with 1 tablespoon of the herbed goat cheese and another 1/2 tablespoon of the cream. Sprinkle each lightly with pepper.

3. Pour enough boiling water into the baking dish around the ramekins to come halfway up the sides of the dishes, being careful not to get any in the ramekins.

4. Carefully move the baking dish to the oven and bake for 15 minutes, or until the whites are just set.

5. Remove the ramekins from the baking dish and top each with 1 tablespoon of tomato and a sprinkle of thyme. Serve immediately.

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Ingredients

- 4 tablespoons heavy cream, divided
- 4 tablespoons shredded prosciutto
- 4 eggs
- 4 tablespoons herbed chevre (soft goat cheese)
- Ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh tomato
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme

This recipe serves four.
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MOTHER'S DAY GIFT GUIDE

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Get creative and head outside with mom this Mother's Day when you are thinking of gift ideas. You can green thumb it, take a hike or start walking or running with your mother. ISTOCKPHOTO/THINKSTOCK

Fresh ways to say 'I Love You'

ASTRID VAN DEN BROEK
For Metro

While most moms would cheerfully accept a late sleep-in, a homemade breakfast in bed or a lovely mid-day brunch out as a token of appreciation for Mother's Day, maybe this year you can freshen up your ideas to surprise mom.

We asked Ann Douglas, author of The Mother of All books series and a mom to four children, for some thoughts on new ways to celebrate moms.

GREEN THUMB IT

Got a mom who loves to garden? Share her passion, suggests Douglas. "Plan to spend Mother's Day afternoon visiting a garden centre, picking out some plants, seeds, gardening tools, or books for a special garden you will plant together."

GET CREATIVE

Spend some quality time with mom by upcycling. "Turn an old sweater into a throw cushion or give an old dresser that's missing some drawers a makeover," says Douglas.

HEAD OUTSIDE

"Take a hike with mom," suggests Douglas. Be sure to snap some photos of the day and put some thought into how you will display those photos — think turning the pictures into fridge magnets or hanging them on a mini-clothesline.

START A SWAP

Expand mom's literary repertoire by organizing a book swap for her. "The moms might be too busy to pull this off on Mother's Day, so plan to do this in a few weeks' time. Ask your mom to select a half-dozen books she loved, but that she's unlikely to read again. Then ask her to invite a half-dozen friends — and tell her friends to do the same. Tell her you'll make dessert, coffee, and tea and serve her guests during her book swap."

GET CRAFTY

Start a Mother's Day scrapbook that you will add to every year, suggests Douglas. "Take photos and write stories about you and your mom and the adventures you've had this year."

START WALKING

Get your mother moving by teaming up for the Breast Cancer Society of Canada's annual walk (check out mothersdaywalk.ca for the locations near you). Or if your mom really wants to get going, sign up together for a running clinic or start a race training program. Retailers such as The Running Room offer clinics for walkers and runners of all levels, as well as race training plans.

Because moms are beautiful

JANINE FALCON
For Metro

Some gorgeous makeup, skin care and bath and body gifts that are as special as mom is.

Shu Uemura's popular cleansing oils are dressed for spring in delightful designs by celebrated contemporary kimono artist mamechiyo. Shown: Fresh Pore Clarifying Gentle Cleansing Oil, which will leave mom's skin radiantly clean and soft. $79, Holt Renfrew.

One of the season's most covetable makeup collections is **Guerlain's Terra Azzurra by Emilio Pucci**, the second collaboration between the iconic brands. Select limited-edition items, such as a Kabuki-style brush and the Terra Azzura Bronzer & Blush, come with their own Pucci-print pouches. From $24. Guerlain boutiques and the Bay.

Beautiful packaging and delightful scents make **Lollia** lush bath and body treats as special as mom is. Breathe

Shea Butter Handcreme, $26. Relax Sea Salt Sachet, $15. All at dealuxe.ca.

Sleek and chic, these refillable mini **Chanel Purse Sprays** come filled with Chance, Chance Eau Tendre or Chance Eau Fraîche for you to give mom with lots of love. Set of three, $84. Holt Renfrew.

Pamper mom with a luxurious body set that includes triple-milled soap, moisturizing bath-and-shower gel, silky lotion and comforting cream. **Crabtree & Evelyn** Lily Jewelry Box Gift, $95. see crabtree-evelyn.com for stores.

Nail polish has never been more popular — nor so luxurious and glossy as the new **YSL La Laque Couture** collection. The tricky part is choosing from the range of show-stopping shades. $27 each. The Bay and Murale.ca.

Anything **La Mer** equals decadence in beauty for celebrity moms like JLo and Madonna, too. The Brightening Essence Intense ($320) targets dark spots with powerful algae ferments and La Mer's famous Miracle Broth; the divine, Broth-rich Reparative Body Lotion ($165) also taps potent anti-aging peptides and extracts. Holt Renfrew.

Mom will love one or all of these lovely **Pangea Organics Body Oils**, especially if she has thirsty skin. Cold-pressed blends of essential oils, they are rich in vitamins and essential fatty acids, and wonderfully fragrant. $26 each. beautymark.ca.

It's the 20th anniversary of **Lalique de Lalique**, an ultra-feminine floral with a sensual finish. Special 100 ml Eau de Parfum and Eau de Toilette flacons include a gold-plated jasmine flower pendant necklace each; one in 20 has an amber-coloured Lalique crystal pendant instead. $135, Holt Renfrew.

Lancôme combines cutting-edge anti-aging technology with luxury and heritage in its new Absolue L'Extrait. The formula contains two million cell-regenerating stem cells from the Lancôme Rose (created in 1973), and is housed in an updated version of a 1936 Lancôme jar. It's coming in June; a note of intent will tide mom over. $350, lancôme.ca.

Clockwise, from left, Lalique de Lalique Eau de Parfum, Lancôme Absolue L'Extrait, Crabtree & Evelyn Lily Jewelry Box Gift, and YSL La Laque Couture collection.

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Honey Almond Cream with Berries. NEWS CANADA

Recipe. Honey Almond Cream with Berries

Make your mom proud this Mother's Day by serving a special spring brunch.

This fanciful dish from the Almond Board of California is sure to impress and is simple to make.

Using a blend of fresh berries, cottage cheese, slivered almonds and a touch of honey, the flavours are sure to brighten up her day.

Directions

1 In a food processor or blender, process cottage cheese for one minute. Scrape sides of container and process for one minute, or until smooth. Transfer to an airtight container; refrigerate for about eight hours, or until firm.

2 Put cottage cheese in a medium bowl; gently fold in sour cream. Fold in honey and almond extract. (At this point, mixture can be refrigerated for up to two days in an airtight container.)

3 At serving time, slice strawberries; in a medium bowl, gently combine with other berries. Spoon about 1/3 cup (75 ml) berries into each of 12 individual bowls or goblets. Top each serving with about 2 tbsp (30 ml) cream mixture, then sprinkle each with almonds. Makes 12 servings. NEWS CANADA

Ingredients

- 1 cup (250 ml) no-salt-added 1% cottage cheese
- ½ cup (125 ml) non-fat or light sour cream
- ¼ cup (60 ml) honey
- ½ tsp (2 ml) almond extract
- 1 pint (470 ml) fresh strawberries (about 2 cups, 500 ml)
- ½ pint fresh raspberries (about 1 cup, 250 ml)
- ½ pint fresh blueberries (about 1 cup, 250 ml)
- ½ cup (125 ml) slivered almonds, dry-roasted

Hayley Wickenheiser
THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Nominate your mom

Walmart Canada is celebrating Mother's Day by launching the Mom of the Year Award, an annual initiative designed to give Canadians an opportunity to recognize the enormous contribution of their mothers.

Once nominated, each mom will be asked to outline one charity or cause that is close to her heart because the award recipient, who will receive $10,000 to pamper herself, will also receive $100,000 for donation.

"The Mom of the Year Award gives all of us an opportunity to say 'thank you' to those mothers who have had the biggest impact on us," said Shelley Broader, president and CEO of Walmart Canada. "We hope that every Canadian will join us in our charge to give back to moms by nominating a special mom they know."

A selection committee of Mom Ambassadors comprised of three admired Canadian mothers and two Walmart Canada moms will determine the recipient of the Mom of the Year Award. Olympic champion and women's hockey icon Hayley Wickenheiser, editor-in-chief of Today's Parent magazine Karine Ewart, and celebrated opera singer Natalie Choquette will work alongside senior vice-president of marketing for Walmart Canada, Emma Fox, and Broader.

The committee will select eight finalists, who will be flown to Toronto for a day of pampering, a photo shoot and an awards gala. Each finalist will receive $10,000 to spend on themselves, and seven will receive an additional $10,000 each for their charity or cause of choice. The Mom of the Year Award recipient will receive $100,000 for the charity or cause of their choice.

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She'll love the idea of relaxing for the day, but with a great selection of seating styles available, she might get a bit too cosy! Located on Yonge Street.

Carlton Cards

Put your feelings down on paper, or pick a card that expresses them for you. There's also an impressive array of sentimental gifts that will communicate your feelings to your mom too. Located on Market Level.

Winners

She might be worth a million dollars, but you don't need to spend anywhere near that to spoil her. Gift cards also available in $10, $25 and $50 denominations. Located on College Street.

MPS High Tech Massage Centre

The only thing that gets unwrapped here is your mom! Registered Massage Therapists are on site ready to work the stress away. Detoxifying spa treatments are also on offer. Located on Market Level.

Toronto College Park, 444 Yonge Street

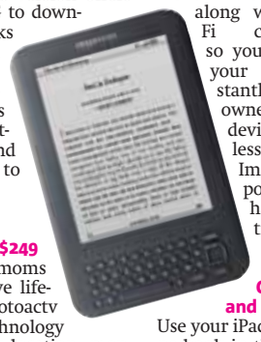
High-tech toys

MIKE YAWNEY
For Metro

She may tell you all she wants for Mother's Day is to sleep in and not lift a finger, but everyone knows moms really want electronics. Here are some of the best gadgets to show mom just how much you love her.

Amazon Kindle with 3G — $149

Let mom escape reality and lose herself in a good book. While other e-readers rely on Wi-Fi, this version offers users free 3G to download books anywhere in the world. It's lightweight, has incredible battery life, and can hold up to 3,500 books.



Motorola Motoactv — $249

A gadget for moms with an active lifestyle. The Motoactv uses GPS technology to track your location, monitor distance and calories burned while running or cycling. It also doubles as an MP3 player, which can suggest energizing playlists. Careful on how you present this gift. You don't want to give her the wrong idea.

Joulies — $49.95

Magic beans for mom's next cup of coffee or tea! Each stainless steel bean contains a special phase change material that melts at 60 C (140 F). The beans instantly cool down your piping hot coffee so you can drink it immediately and then slowly releases the heat back into the drink, keeping it warmer longer.

Samsung DV300F — $249

This 16.1-megapixel point-and-shoot camera features a front and back viewfinder along with Wi-Fi connectivity so you can share your moments instantly. Smartphone owners can use their device as a wireless viewfinder. Imagine, family portraits without having to set a timer.

Belkin Chef Stand and Stylus — $39.99

Use your iPad as a digital recipe book in the kitchen without mucking it up. This stand keeps your tablet at the perfect angle while the rubberized stylus allows for navigation without having to touch the screen with your dirty hands. All parts are washable with soap and water — except the iPad.

Gelaskins — $14.95 and up

Let mom protect and personalize her portable electronic devices with Gelaskins. These stylish laminated vinyl decals help protect smartphones, tablets and laptops against scratches and everyday wear and tear. Pick from hundreds of designs or let mom create her own. Gelaskins is a Canadian company!

Cards App — Free

Design and order Mother's Day cards right from your iPhone or iPod Touch. Choose a design, upload a photo, write a message, and then place your order. Apple will print it on high-quality paper, and mail it for you. Great selection of templates for numerous occasions. Cards cost $4.99, including postage.

Libratone Live — $699.95

Classic Scandinavian design has the Libratone Live looking more like a piece of stylish furniture than a high-end speaker. Airplay technology allows mom to stream her favourite songs wirelessly from a iPod Touch, iPhone, iPad or Mac throughout the home in glorious surround sound.

Belkin Chef Stand and Stylus, top, Amazon Kindle with 3G, top left, Joulies, above, Samsung DV300F, left, and Libratone Live, below.

WORLD SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS PHOTO

SAVE A MOMMA BEAR IN HONOUR OF YOURS

Show mom she raised you right with a charitable and eco-friendly Really Wild Gift from the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA) this Mother's Day.

Really Wild Gifts have a lasting impact as proceeds support important work-like building sanctuaries, funding veterinary clinics, delivering aid after disasters, and protecting animals everywhere from cruelty.

The site, ReallyWildGifts.ca, includes a gift registry, group giving options for you and your siblings, and monthly gifts for those who want to make mom smile and make lives better for animals all year long. Purchased and delivered online, the gifts involve no paper so the proceeds go to the animals.

For everything she does, get mom a gift that fits her style:

FEED A HUNGRY BEAR: $13 is enough to feed a bear fruits, veggies, honey and nuts for a week.

SEND COMFORT: $16 could buy an emergency kit for an animal affected by natural disasters.

MAKE HOME A SAFE PLACE: $40 can vaccinate 10 dogs from rabies, protecting them from danger.

PROVIDE A HEALTHY FUTURE: $100 could pay for a full vet exam for an injured donkey or six months worth of medicine for a rescued bear.

More lasting than flowers, more significant than the usual card and more sentimental than chocolates, giving a Really Wild Gift shows your love like no other option on your list.

WSPA is a registered charity, and Really Wild Gifts are eligible for a tax receipt. Visit ReallyWildGifts.ca for more.

DAUGHTER'S COURAGE GIVES MOM STRENGTH

To paraphrase Lao Tzu: A mother who loves deeply gives courage, while a mother who is loved deeply receives strength. That is true for Michelle and daughter Paige, whose lives have been touched by the power of a wish. Paige was only two when she was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

"The nurse held my hand, looked at me and said, 'You're on a new journey now, and that's OK,'" Michelle recalls. The journey itself was heart-rending with chemotherapy treatments, doctors visits and "pokes," a word Paige and Michelle used for the countless injections she needed to endure. Later, Michelle learned Paige could receive a wish from Children's Wish and the journey took a markedly positive turn.

One day, as they drove by a playground, Paige asked, "Can I have that?," the way some children might ask for a pony. At first, Michelle replied, "Umm, no honey," but then remembered the wish and the answer became yes.

Today, Paige is cancer free and the bond between mother and daughter is deeper than ever. "I was told once by a friend, 'Your strength is her strength.' That's reversed. Watching what she has gone through has taught me that her strength is my strength. That's my girl, I can't be more proud of her."

The Children's Wish Foundation of Canada relies on donors and volunteers to grant a wish to children with a life-threatening illness. Donors can purchase a Mother's Day gift in honour of that special person at catalogueofwishes.ca.

Paige is now cancer free.

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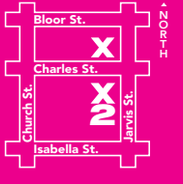

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Meet the condo

- **What:** Dream Tower
- **Builder:** ELAD Canada
- **Location:** Sheppard Avenue and Don Mills
- **Website:** dreamtower.ca
- **Phone:** 416-492-0001
- **Sizes:** From 523 to 1,209 sq. ft.
- **Pricing:** From the high $200,000s

In the 'hood

Residents can enjoy a world-class shopping experience at the nearby Fairview Mall. There are also plenty of recreational parks and playing fields close by, as well as schools and a great selection of neighbourhood services.

Project overview

Dream Tower is the focal point of a landscaped community centred around a new park and a pedestrian plaza at the southeast corner of Don Mills Road and Sheppard Avenue. It's the third phase of the Emerald City community, a 25-storey building with 316 suites. Occupancy is planned for December, 2014.

Location and transit

Centrally located in this prime North York neighbourhood, Dream Tower will offer easy underground access to the Don Mills subway station. Residents will be close to the 404 and 401 highways offering speedy connections in every direction.
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Building amenities

Featuring an indoor swimming pool and whirlpool with change rooms and showers, and a fitness center with cardio, weights and a yoga studio. A party room complete with kitchenette, a theatre room, and an outdoor terrace and patio with BBQ area.

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Rooftop surfing

Dispelling GTA housing market myths

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Chair of the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) and can be found at twitter.com/bildgta), (facebook.com/bildgta), and bildblogs.ca.

The perceived "housing bubble" was a hot topic at last week's annual Land and Development Conference, a gathering of industry professionals for workshops on the state of the economy, to residential, commercial and industrial markets to transit and transportation infrastructure in the GTA.

Off the top, Doug Porter, deputy chief economist and managing director of BMO Capital Markets put it right out there when he said: "we do not believe there is a bubble in this country."

Porter gave the opening keynote address and was clear about the strength of the Canadian economy, especially in relation to our neighbours to the south.

He did say that while housing prices are higher here than in the U.S., the gap will narrow as the American economy and the housing industry recover.

I am often asked if there is a housing bubble here in the GTA and I always say we have such a unique set of circumstances that go even further than the national analysis in dispelling the myth.

We know from census data that nearly 100,000 newcomers come to this vast region every year – that's like the city of Fredericton moving into the GTA annually — and they come here for the housing options, employment opportunities and the undeniable diversity.

Many are choosing to live in city centres, where highrise communities offer security, accessibility and amenities. The industry has responded to provincial and city policies promoting and demanding intensification and there has been a clear housing shift in the options available.

Let's also recognize that condos are the new entry point for first-time home buyers.

All these factors plus downsizing baby boomers, a wave of born-again singles and the demand for rental housing that is partially being met by the condominium market, amount to the demand that is contributing to the strength and stability of the GTA's new housing market.

From my perspective, the GTA housing market remains a smart investment.

What's hot in condos this week:

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1. Richmond Hill condo

Grand opening

Come to Grand Palace at 9612 Yonge St., May 11 from 12-7 p.m., Call 905-907-4370 or visit grandpalace.ca

2. Queen West living

Lofty heights

Check out this loft open house at 670 Richmond St. W., May 10, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., May 12, 2-4 p.m. Call 416-487-4311.

3. 9 Boardwalk Dr.

On the boardwalk

Head over to a condo open house at 9 Boardwalk Dr., May 12 from 2-5 p.m., Call 416-698-2090.

4. A Mississauga must

Bloor with more

Don't miss this huge Mississauga condo: three beds/two baths at 1333 Bloor St., Open house on May 12-13 from 2-4 p.m., Call 905-897-9555

Right to your front door

Condo trends. Toronto companies are catering to the market by making special home deliveries

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L-Eat Express owner Tony Loschiavo, centre, is about to begin a delivery with executive chef Christopher Palik, left, and director of operations Richard Arnold, making sure he has the complete order aboard the trike. COURTESY L'EAT EXPRESS

We all know the routine. After a seemingly never-ending day at the office, you come home to an empty fridge, too tired to cook and loathe to stand in line at the local mini-mart. With stomach rumbling, you reach for the phone. Who you gonna call? If you've been here, then some of these innovative new custom condo delivery services are for you.

In days of old, home delivery was not so uncommon. Toronto families would wake to find a newspaper, a bottle of milk and a loaf of bread waiting on their doorsteps.

It's now back in vogue with everything from doggy daycare to in-suite cleaning services, car sharing and food delivery as savvy Toronto entrepreneurs respond to the busy lifestyles of condo dwellers.

L-EAT Express offers fast delivery service by Toronto's first and only delivery tricycle; a custom-fitted three-wheeler with an insulated box that keeps food hot or cold while avoiding all the traffic snarls and parking nightmares traditional delivery methods entail.

According to restaurateur Tony Loschiavo, "a fully-loaded bike could probably do a decent lunch for about 25 people. We have one part that's insulated for hot and cold and one part that's just room temperature."

An avid cyclist, Loschiavo will bring you your lunch anywhere in the downtown core on the well-conceived trike. "The box in the back of the bike is custom-made to take a bakery rack. They have these oversized rubber tires that can go over tracks without disturbing the load, so the whole thing off loads," he explains.

Mama Earth Organics provides fresh local and certified-organic produce with free delivery throughout the GTA. You can order online with baskets ranging from $27.50 to $55. Heather and Alex Billingsley have been running the service for about five years. You can see their vans all over town.

At your service

Don't feel like cleaning up after dinner? Just place a call.

- **Clean My Space.** Professional cleaning and housekeeping services at your home or condo. (cleanmyspace.ca)

Kitchens for show only?

"A lot of the condo owners from my understanding; there's a large percentage of them that never turn their ovens on." Tony Loschiavo, owner of L-EAT Express, which delivers food to your door

Let the party come to you

Is it beer o'clock yet?

The Steam Whistle Brewery has been doing condo delivery for ages.

"If people have a special occasion coming up they can just call the brewery and order for delivery," says marketing director Sybil Taylor. You pay for the beer as if you were buying it at any beer store and there is a small delivery charge that goes on top of that.

"We bring it right into your living room or balcony or condo party room and set that up and then we return the next day and pick everything up and take it back to the brewery and refund you for the keg deposit," explains Taylor.

The service includes the loan of the equipment and everything you're going to need including the draft unit itself, ice, cups and the CO2 tank, delivered and expertly deployed by Ben Taylor, Steam Whistle's friendly mobile draft expert.

Ben Taylor, Steam Whistle's mobile draft expert. COURTESY STEAM WHISTLE BREWERY

Tricky line of credit

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Q. We recently applied for some additional credit with our bank that was going to be secured against our property. On review of the title, we discovered the bank had already secured a line of credit on the house for almost double what our limit was. This effectively blocked getting any additional finances and jeopardized our cash flow as the additional funds were needed to address some pressing debts. How can we move forward with this situation?

A. Your problem is not all that uncommon. Often when banks place lines of credit on a property, they will register the amount on title for a larger amount than what they are prepared for. That way, if in the future you need additional funds they can provide them to you and still have security over your property without having to register a new secured line of credit. I would assume that your bank was not prepared to provide you with more funds so you proceeded to go to an alternate source of financing. In order for that secondary financier to be satisfied that there was adequate equity in your home to protect their loan, they would want an amended line of credit registered on title that accurately reflected the actual amount they were willing to forward to you. This may take some time and will probably involve your lawyer but in the end, if you need the money you will have to follow the steps to satisfy your second lender.

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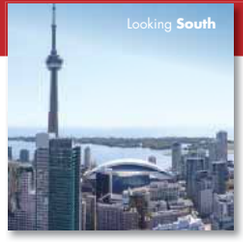

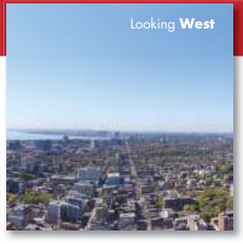

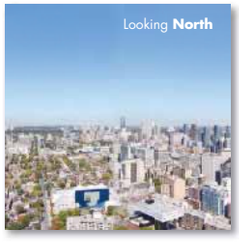

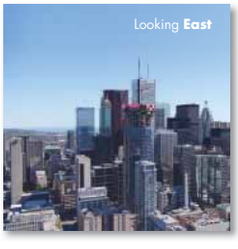

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Bye espresso, hello sweet caramel

The sun is shining, so why not give your place a trendy summer tan? This warm copper colour will spread a beautiful glow throughout your house

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Whether we call it camel, caramel or tan, this warm glow is quickly replacing that dark espresso brown that has dominated the home furnishings market for the past few years.

This rich copper tone evolves from antique saddle leather and the cognac wood tones from the 1950s. It's a great way to warm up the popular grey that everyone is drawn to these days and matches perfectly with the mid-century walnut and teak-wood tones.

How to incorporate tan into your decor scheme: Tan helps to warm up the dark espresso and grey hues which most everyone has in their decor. This warm copper hue looks fantastic with popular summer colours like ink blue, kelly green or any version of lavender/purple.

Adding creamy warm tones will make it feel comfy and traditional. Adding crisp white and bolder colours will make it look contemporary.

It's most stylish paired with this year's biggest colour: bright orange. But be weary; it can look horrible with pastel colours like mint green, yellow and peach.

Toro Lounge Chair

You will be hanging (literally) in the thick, saddle leather sling of this modern beech wood and leather lounge chair. Its pale tones will lighten up a dark corner in a bedroom or lounge.

Toro Lounge Chair, $1,480/URBANMODE.COM

Emerson Secretary Desk

Handcrafted and completely upholstered in leather with brass hardware. A hinged panel drops to become a writing surface and there are lots of cubbyholes and drawers for storage. A perfect desk to house the laptop computer and all the other electronic devices that invade out lives.

Emerson Secretary Desk, $1,600/CRATEANDBARREL.COM

Diane Von Furstenberg Highrise goblets

Add the drama of deep, rich caramel to the summer table — teamed with bright turquoise and crisp white dishes, they'd be perfect for those chic luncheons on the terrace.

Diane Von Furstenberg Highrise goblets, $60 for a set of four/HBC.COM

Koldby Cowhide Rug

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Dear Charles the butler, I'm wondering how to properly clean a pillow top mattress. I'm doing my spring cleaning and I want to clean this as well. Do you have any tips or suggestions?
Thanks,
Carissa

Hello Carissa!
Good on you for your cleaning. You should have on hand a good vacuum cleaner, vinegar and baking soda. Now here is what you need to do!

It's where you sleep, so you might as well keep it clean. ISTOCK IMAGES

1. Vacuum the mattress using the correct vacuum cleaner attachment. Be sure to lift the lip of the pillow top and get underneath.

2. Mix a multi-purpose solution of equal parts vinegar and water in a spray bottle and lightly mist the mattress with it.

3. Sprinkle a light layer of baking soda all over the mattress and allow it to sit for three or four hours before vacuuming it up.

4. Vacuum the mattress thoroughly so that you remove all of the baking soda.

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Sow some fun to grow young gardeners

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Kid-friendly garden work can offer valuable lessons

If you think it's hard getting kids to eat their vegetables, wait until you try recruiting them for garden work.

But the challenge is worth it: Children just might add more healthy foods to their diet if they've grown them themselves.

"If a child grows herbs or vegetables, they will try them at least once," said Mike Ferraro, whose Preferred Commerce Co. produces Growums, an animated garden program that uses online gaming technology to teach children how to raise fresh edibles and have fun doing it.

"When they're done, they're so proud of it they want to eat it," he said.

You're never too young to garden, although results for the youngest gardeners might be mixed, said Susan Robbins of the National Gardening Association's Gardening With Kids program.

Green thumbs

- Let your kids do some of the dirty work. Even a toddler can aim a water hose. Buy child-size tools and build raised beds to make it easier for children to manoeuvre.

Some plants are bound to fail, so don't react by secretly replacing your preschooler's veggies, Robbins said.

"Failures are a good way for children to understand that the process doesn't always work and that you shouldn't give up," she said. "Reactive gardening makes them better adults."

Some steps you can take to feed a child's hunger for learning in the garden:

• Involve them in the planning. Set aside a site and let the kids decide what to grow.

• Add fun to their gardening menu. Pay a bounty for the weeds they pull, plant "surprises" in their growing beds or introduce them to "tickle-me plants" — a houseplant (Mimosa pudica) that closes its leaves and lowers its branches when touched.

"As a schoolteacher, I have found that growing a 'tickle-me plant' excites youngsters about science and nature as well as making them more sensitive about to how to care for plants and other living things," said Mark Chipkin, educational project director for TickleMe Plants Co.

• Build their attention span. Introduce garden themes like pizzas (tomato, oregano, basil and bell pepper plants), tacos (cilantro, jalapeño, lettuce and tomato) and salads (lettuce, carrot, cucumber and tomato). Plants that germinate quickly, such as sunflowers, daisies and cucumbers, also keep kids engaged.

• Use pots or containers to make their job less daunting.

• Encourage them in their homework. Each year, Bonnie Plants, an Alabama-based wholesaler, distributes more than a million free cabbage plants to third-grade classrooms around the U.S.

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4 SPORTS

UFC

"I'm excited to be able to conquer the hearts of the Canadian fans. There is another fighter here named Georges (St-Pierre) who was able to do that. I'd like to be able to do the same."

Featherweight champion Jose Aldo, promoting his UFC 149 fight against challenger Erik Koch in Calgary on Wednesday. The July 21 bout at Scotiabank Saddledome is Aldo's second title defence in Canada. The 25-year-old from Rio de Janeiro defeated Mark Hominick last year in Toronto and is on a 14-fight winning streak. It's the first-ever UFC card in Alberta and one of three UFC events scheduled in Canada in 2012 with dates in Toronto and Montreal later this year.

On the web

TFC try to turn it around vs. Impact

Toronto FC took to BMO field on Wednesday night to face the Montreal impact in the second leg of the Amway Canadian Championship semifinal. Go to metronews.ca/sports for the results.

On the web

Jonathan Quick continues to defy expectations for the L.A. Kings, compiling a 1.55 goals-against average and a .949 save percentage with just one loss through two rounds of the playoffs. His hard-working style will be front-and-centre in the Kings' upcoming clash with the Phoenix Coyotes in the Western Conference final. Scan the code for the story.

IIHF hockey

Getzlaf gets last laugh vs. Swiss

With the possibility of an upset hanging in the air in Helsinki, Canadian captain Ryan Getzlaf came through in the clutch Wednesday to score the winning goal in a 3-2 victory over Switzerland.
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Tennis

Raonic upset repelled by Federer

Canada's Milos Raonic pushed Roger Federer to the brink in the second round of the Madrid Open.

But the native of Thornhill, Ont., couldn't complete the upset as Federer managed to fight to a 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 (4) win on Wednesday.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Milos Raonic GETTY IMAGES

NHL

Ownership change in St. Louis

The St. Louis Blues have a new owner. The NHL's board of governors unanimously approved the sale to a group led by Tom Stillman Wednesday. The price was not disclosed, but is believed to be about $130 million US.
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MLB

"If it's my call, I don't want to leave the game the way it happened."

Mariano Rivera. The Yankees closer has a blood clot in his right calf, the latest problem for the right-hander who tore ligaments in his knee last week. He is on blood-thinning medication and says he's OK.

Jays return fire in Oakland

MLB. Lind, Arencibia and Encarnacion connect for homers to back Morrow in Toronto victory

Casey Janssen pitches during the ninth inning in Oakland on Wednesday. EZRA SHAW/GETTY IMAGES

Wednesday's game

5	2
Blue Jays	Athletics

Blue Jays manager John Farrell shuffled things around before the game and apparently served as a little bit of much-needed fuel for his lineup.

Adam Lind hit a two-run homer after being demoted from the cleanup spot to eighth in the order, and J.P. Arencibia and Edwin Encarnacion each hit solo drives to lead Toronto past the Oakland Athletics 5-2 on Wednesday.

"Adam responded well to the move in the lineup," Farrell said. "It was just nice to score some runs."

Brandon Morrow (4-1) struck out a season-high 10 in six innings and won his fourth straight start, outpitching Tyson Ross in a matchup of former college stars from the nearby University of California who were 2006 teammates. The Blue Jays right-hander went 23-2/3 innings without allowing a run before Jonny Gomes hit an RBI single in the fifth.

Arencibia homered leading off the seventh, this time coming through with a key hit in a close game. Farrell lifted him for pinch-hitter Omar Vizquel with the go-ahead run on third in the ninth inning of Tuesday night's 7-3 loss — so delivering this time had to be a nice boost.

Encarnacion started the eighth with his 10th homer, ending an 0-for-21 funk and helping Toronto snap a three-game skid on the heels of a four-game winning streak. Colby Rasmus had an RBI single in the sixth that chased Ross (1-3).

Morrow wasn't happy with four walks — half of his eight total coming into this start. He had walked only one batter over his previous three outings.

"I wasn't as sharp as I have been. I walked too many guys and it hurt me in the fifth. I didn't have a good slider today and that probably affected things. My stuff was still good," said the Santa Rosa, Calif., native. "It's always fun to come here. I always have family and friends who show up. I got a few texts from my coaches at Cal and then there are friends who show up unannounced."

The Blue Jays bounced back after losing Tuesday night's opener of the two-game series on Brandon Inge's game-ending grand slam against Francisco Cordero, who was demoted from his closer job before Wednesday's game. Handed closing duties by Farrell, Casey Janssen finished with a 1-2-3 ninth for his first save in two tries this year.

"I tried to treat it like any other inning. My heart was going hard but that's a good thing," Janssen said. "I've felt I really haven't contributed much this year and now I have the opportunity to make more of an impact." THE CANADIAN PRESS

By the numbers

0.67

Brandon Morrow owns a 0.67 ERA during a four-start winning streak, allowing only two earned runs over 27-2/3 innings.

Good things come in fours

Josh Hamilton's historic slugfest Tuesday night in Baltimore made him the 16th player in major-league history to hit four homers in a game. Here's how his big night stacks up against four of the most recent four home-run games:
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1 Josh Hamilton

Texas, May 8, 2012

The Rangers slugger sets an AL record with 18 total bases, going 5-for-5 with four two-run shots and eight RBIs in a 10-3 win over the Orioles.

2 Carlos Delgado

Toronto, Sept. 25, 2003

The last man before Hamilton to homer four times in a game, Delgado went 4-for-4 with six RBIs as the Jays beat Tampa Bay 10-8 in Toronto.

3 Mike Cameron

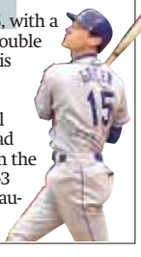
Seattle, May 2, 2002

Hit four consecutive solo home runs in the Mariners' 15-4 victory against the White Sox. In his fifth at-bat, he hit a flyball to the warning track that was caught.

4 Shawn Green

Los Angeles, May 23, 2002

Went 6-for-6, with a single and double to go with his homers. Set MLB record with 19 total bases and had seven RBIs in the Dodgers' 16-3 win in Milwaukee.



5 Mark Whitten

St. Louis, Sept. 7, 1993

After going hitless in the first game of the doubleheader in Cincinnati, Whiten went 4-for-5, tying another major-league record with 12 RBIs as the Cardinals won 15-2.

Claude Giroux, centre, and the Flyers leave the ice after losing to the Devils in Game 5 Tuesday in Philadelphia. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Changed-up Flyers meet familiar end

NHL. Philadelphia made big moves in off-season but fell in the second round again

Somewhere in Los Angeles, Mike Richards and Jeff Carter had to be sharing a chuckle.

And in Phoenix, the Coyotes unleashed a big exhale for more reasons than having new ownership.

Eleven months after the Philadelphia Flyers decided their once-future cornerstones were worth dumping, Richards and Carter are thriving with the Kings along an improbable route to the Western Conference finals. The Coyotes, meanwhile, have no second thoughts about trading goaltender Ilya Bryzgalov and adding Mike Smith, because they'll be playing the Kings for the right to reach the Stanley Cup finals.

The Flyers, meantime, will be watching the rest of the post-season from home. Again.

General manager Paul Holmgren's major gamble last summer to reshape the direction of the franchise yielded mixed results. The Flyers won 47 games, totalled 103 points, finished fifth in the Eastern Conference and had a six-game post-season series win over odds-on favourite Pittsburgh.

But the run lasted only five more games. Bryzgalov allowed one of the franchise's all-time bloopers of a goal and the Flyers offence ran out of fuel in a 3-1 loss Tuesday that left them without another game to play — or a championship banner.

Quoted

"Better teams go further, you know."

Flyers goaltender Ilya Bryzgalov

A long wait

- The Flyers haven't won a Stanley Cup since consecutive titles in 1974 and 1975.
- After a surprising run to the cup finals in 2010, coach Peter Laviolette has only led them as far as two straight trips to the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Just like most of the last 36 seasons, goaltending was a deciding factor. Bryzgalov had his moments of proving he was worth the $51 million, nine-year deal he signed to steady the net. But the Flyers needed more than moments. They needed a wall. They needed a game-changer who could carry them to the Cup.

All the Flyers really got were odd comments and odder goals allowed.

Of course, it's impossible to know how the Flyers would have fared had they kept Carter and Richards. Even if the Kings win the Stanley Cup, the Flyers remain steadfast in their belief in the long-range potential of forwards Jakub Voracek, Brayden Schenn, Wayne Simmonds and Sean Couturier — the total haul in the two deals for Carter and Richards.

But either way, it's back to the drawing board again.

"There's a couple games that I'll look back on, I think, with disappointment," coach Peter Laviolette said. "We didn't play a better brand of our hockey, and then in the other three games, I thought that our guys were trying to play that style and trying to play that brand.

Laviolette will return for a fourth season. Veteran defencemen Kimmo Timonen and Chris Pronger, and forward Jaromir Jagr, face more uncertain futures. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

Heat blast past the Knicks in 5

LeBron James had 29 points, eight rebounds and seven assists, and the Miami Heat beat the New York Knicks 106-94 on Wednesday night to win the Eastern Conference first-round series in five games.

Chris Bosh and Dwyane Wade each scored 19 points for Miami, which meets Indiana in the East semi-finals starting Sunday. Mario Chalmers added 10 points for the Heat.

Carmelo Anthony scored a game-high 35 points for the short-handed Knicks, who have not won a play-off series since 2000. Amar'e Stoudemire scored 14 points before fouling out, Landry Fields and J.R. Smith each had 12 points and Tyson Chandler grabbed 11 rebounds for New York. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Amar'e Stoudemire of the Knicks sits on the bench against the Heat Wednesday in Miami. GETTY IMAGES

Cycling

Hesjedal now 4th at Giro D'Italia

Ramunas Navardauskas of Lithuania took the lead in the Giro d'Italia after his Garmin-Barracuda squad won the team time trial in the fourth stage Wednesday.

Garmin riders are 1-2-3-4 in the overall standings, with overall contender Ryder Hesjedal of Victoria fourth. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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AST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	19	11	.633	—
Tampa Bay	19	11	.633	—
New York	16	13	.552	2½
Toronto	17	14	.548	2½
Boston	12	17	.414	6½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	17	12	.586	—
Detroit	15	14	.517	2
Chicago	14	17	.452	4
Kansas City	10	19	.345	7
Minnesota	8	21	.276	9

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	20	10	.667	—
Oakland	16	15	.516	4½
Seattle	14	18	.438	7
Los Angeles	13	18	.419	7½

Yesterday's results
Toronto 5 Oakland 2
Texas at Baltimore (postponed, rain)
Chicago White Sox at Cleveland
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees
Boston at Kansas City
L.A. Angels at Minnesota
Detroit at Seattle
Tuesday's results
Oakland 7 Toronto 3
Chicago 5 Cleveland 3 (10 innings)
Detroit 6 Seattle 4
Kansas City 6 Boston 4
Minnesota 5 L.A. Angels 0
N.Y. Yankees 5 Tampa Bay 3
Texas 10 Baltimore 3
Today's games — All Times Eastern
Texas (Lewis 3-1) at Baltimore (W.Chen 2-0), 4:05 p.m. (1st game)
Tampa Bay (Price 5-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 4-0), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (D.Holland 2-2) at Baltimore (Tom.Hunter 2-1), 7:35 p.m. (2nd game)
Cleveland (D.Lowe 4-1) at Boston (Beckett 2-3), 7:10 p.m.
Toronto (H.Alvarez 2-2) at Minnesota (Marquis 2-1), 8:10 p.m.
Detroit (Scherzer 1-3) at Oakland (Colon 3-2), 10:05 p.m.

BLUE JAYS 5, ATHLETICS 2

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
KJhnsn 2b	3	0	0	0	JWeeks 2b	5	0	2	0
YEscor ss	3	0	0	0	Pnngtn ss	3	1	1	0
Bautist rf	3	0	0	0	Reddck cf	4	0	1	1
Encrnc dh	4	1	1	1	JGoms lf	4	0	1	1
Thams lf	4	1	1	0	S.Smith rf	3	0	0	0
RDavis lf	0	0	0	0	Kaaihu dh	4	0	0	0
Lawrie 3b	4	1	1	0	Inge 3b	4	0	2	0
Rasms cf	4	0	1	1	Barton 1b	4	0	0	0
Lind 1b	4	1	2	2	Recker c	3	1	0	0
Arencii c	4	1	1	1					
Totals	**33**	**5**	**7**	**5**	**Totals**	**34**	**2**	**7**	**2**
Toronto					**000 201 110 — 5**				
Oakland					**000 010 100 — 2**				

DP—Oakland 1. LOB—Toronto 5, Oakland 10. 2B—Lawrie (4), Inge (3). HR—Encarnacion (10), Lind (3), Arencibia (3). SB—K.Johnson (3), J.Weeks (7), Pennington (6).

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Morrow W,4-1	6	4	1	1	4	10
L.Perez H,2	1-3	2	1	1	1	0
Villanueva H,1	1 2-3	1	0	0	0	3
Janssen S,1-2	1	0	0	0	0	1
Oakland						
T.Ross L,1-3	5 2-3	5	3	3	3	3
Figueroa	1 1-3	1	1	1	1	1
Blevins	1 1-3	1	1	1	0	1
J.Miller	2-3	0	0	0	0	1

Umpires—Home, Ed Hickox; First, Ed Rapuano; Second, Angel Hernandez; Third, Mark Carlson. T—3:01. A—14,815 (35,067) at Oakland, Calif.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	18	11	.621	—
Atlanta	19	13	.594	½
New York	17	13	.567	1½
Miami	15	15	.500	3½
Philadelphia	14	17	.452	5

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	19	11	.633	—
Cincinnati	16	14	.533	3
Houston	14	16	.467	5
Pittsburgh	13	16	.448	5½
Chicago	13	18	.419	6½
Milwaukee	13	18	.419	6½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	19	11	.633	—
San Francisco	15	15	.500	4
Arizona	14	17	.452	5½
Colorado	13	17	.433	6
San Diego	11	21	.344	9

Yesterday's results
Chicago Cubs 1 Atlanta 0
Cincinnati 2 Milwaukee 1
Colorado 6 San Diego 2
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia
Washington at Pittsburgh
Miami at Houston
St. Louis at Arizona
San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers
Tuesday's results
Atlanta 3 Chicago Cubs 1
Houston 3 Miami 2
Milwaukee 8 Cincinnati 3
N.Y. Mets 7 Philadelphia 4
Pittsburgh 5 Washington 4
San Diego 3 Colorado 1
San Francisco 2 L.A. Dodgers 1
St. Louis 6 Arizona 1
Tonight's game — All Times Eastern
Washington (Strasburg 2-0) at Pittsburgh (Correia 1-2), 7:05 p.m.

TENNIS

ATP-WTA MADRID OPEN

At Madrid, Spain
Yesterday's results
Men
Singles — Second Round
Rafael Nadal (2), Spain, def. Nikolay Davydenko, Russia, 6-2, 6-2.
Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, def. **Milos Raonic, Thornhill, Ont.**, 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 (4).
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (4), France, def. Ryan Harrison, U.S., 6-2, 7-6 (4).
David Ferrer (5), Spain, def. Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, 7-6 (4), 6-2.
Janko Tipsarevic (7), Serbia, def. Federico Delbonis, Argentina, 7-6 (5), 6-7 (6), 6-3.
Marin Cilic, Croatia, def. John Isner (8), U.S., 7-6 (4), 7-6 (3).
Gilles Simon (9), France, def. Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, 6-4, 6-3.
Juan Martin Del Potro (10), Argentina, def. Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, 6-4, 7-6 (1).
Women
Singles — Second Round
Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, def. Petra Kvitova (3), Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-3.
Agnieszka Radwanska (4), Poland, def. Sara Errani, Italy, 6-0, 6-1.
Third Round
Victoria Azarenka (1), Belarus, def. Ana Ivanovic (13), Serbia, 6-4, 6-4.
Samantha Stosur (5), Australia, def. Petra Cetkovska, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-2.
Li Na (8), China, def. Angelique Kerber, Germany, 7-5, 6-4.

NHL PLAYOFFS

STANLEY CUP

CONFERENCE SEMI-FINALS

(Best-of-7)
All Times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE
N.Y. RANGERS (1) VS. WASHINGTON (7)
(N.Y. Rangers leads series 3-2)
Last night's result
N.Y. Rangers at Washington
Saturday's game
x-Washington at N.Y. Rangers, , 7:30 p.m.
PHILADELPHIA (5) VS. NEW JERSEY (6)
(New Jersey wins series 4-1)
Tuesday's result
New Jersey 3 Philadelphia 1

WESTERN CONFERENCE
ST. LOUIS (2) VS. LOS ANGELES (8)
(Los Angeles wins series 4-0)
PHOENIX (3) VS. NASHVILLE (4)
(Phoenix wins series 4-1)
Monday's result
Phoenix 2 Nashville 1

x — played only if necessary.

LATE TUESDAY

DEVILS 3, FLYERS 1

First Period
1. Philadelphia, Talbot 4 (Schenn, Briere) 7:18
2. New Jersey, Salvador 2 (Henrique, Kovalchuk) 9:27
3. New Jersey, Clarkson 2, 12:45
Penalty — Schenn Pha (interference) 14:37.
Second Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Larsson NJ (interference) 2:11, Rinaldo Pha (interference) 12:47, Hartnell Pha (high-sticking) 17:01.
Third Period
4. New Jersey, Kovalchuk 5 (Henrique, Zubrus) 5:00
Penalty — van Riemsdyk Pha (holding) 4:56.
Shots on goal

New Jersey	12	11	7	— 30
Philadelphia	11	7	10	— 28

Goal — New Jersey: Brodeur (W,8-3); Philadelphia: Bryzgalov (L,5-6). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — New Jersey: 0-4; Phila: 0-1.
Attendance — 19,818 (19,537) at Philadelphia.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Giroux, Pha	8	9	17
Briere, Pha	8	5	13
Kovalchuk, NJ	5	7	12
D.Brown, LA	6	5	11
McDonald, StL	5	5	10
B.Richards, NYR	5	5	10
Zajac, NJ	5	5	10
Kopitar, LA	3	7	10
Voracek, Pha	2	8	10
J.Staal, Pgh	6	3	9
Vermette, Phx	5	4	9
B.Schenn, Pha	3	6	9
Ovechkin, Wash	4	4	8
Parise, NJ	4	4	8
Crosby, Pgh	3	5	8
Gaborik, NYR	3	5	8
Hartnell, Pha	3	5	8
Malkin, Pgh	3	5	8

Not including last night's game

LACROSSE

NLL PLAYOFFS

DIVISION FINALS

Saturday's games — All Times Eastern
EAST DIVISION
Rochester at Toronto, 7 p.m.
WEST DIVISION
Edmonton at Minnesota, 9:30 p.m.

HOCKEY

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At Helsinki and Stockholm

PRELIMINARY ROUND

GROUP A

	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	Pt
Canada	4	3	0	1	0	17	11	10
Finland	3	3	0	0	0	7	2	9
Slovakia	4	2	0	0	2	10	8	6
Switzerland	4	2	0	0	2	12	11	6
U.S.	3	1	1	0	1	14	10	5
Belarus	3	1	0	0	2	5	6	3
France	3	1	0	0	2	10	17	3
Kazakhstan	4	0	0	0	4	8	18	0

GROUP B

	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	Pt
Sweden	4	4	0	0	0	18	8	12
Russia	3	3	0	0	0	11	4	9
Latvia	3	2	0	0	1	10	7	6
Czech Republic	3	1	1	0	1	7	7	5
Norway	4	1	0	1	2	12	13	4
Germany	4	1	0	0	3	7	10	3
Italy	4	0	1	0	3	6	17	2
Denmark	3	0	0	1	2	7	12	1

Note: Three points for a regulation win, two for an overtime win and one for an overtime loss.
Yesterday's results
At Helsinki
Canada 3 Switzerland 2
Slovakia 4 Kazakhstan 2
At Stockholm
Norway 6 Italy 2
Sweden 5 Germany 2
Tuesday's results
At Helsinki
Belarus 3 Kazakhstan 2
Finland 5 Switzerland 2
At Stockholm
Latvia 5 Italy 0
Russia 2 Germany 0
Today's games — All Times Eastern
At Helsinki
U.S. vs. Belarus, 9:15 p.m.
France vs. Finland, 1:15 p.m.
At Stockholm
Denmark vs. Russia, 10:15 a.m.
Czech Republic vs. Latvia, 2:15 p.m.

CANADA 3, SWITZERLAND 2

First Period
1. Switzerland, Brunner 1 (Bezina, Romy) 1:40
Penalties — Bezina Sui (intereference) 7:46, Streit Sui (boarding) 11:27.
Second Period
2. Canada, Tavares 2 (Eberle, Skinner) 0:35
Penalties — Tavares Cda (slashing) 4:18, Sbisa Sui (slashing) 8:07, Ruthemann Sui (delay of game) 11:36.
Third Period
3. Canada, Eberle 3 (Tavares) 0:41
4. Switzerland, Bezina 1 (Romy, Brunner) 3:49 (pp)
5. Canada, Getzlaf 1 (Ward) 8:02
Penalties — Quincey Cda (slashing) 2:27, Sharp Cda (slashing) 7:08.
Shots on goal by

Switzerland	8	8	14	— 30
Canada	13	9	8	— 30

Goal — Switzerland: Stephan (L,1-1-0); Canada: Ward (W,2-0-1). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Switzerland: 1-3; Canada: 0-4.
Attendance — 4,829 at Helsinki, Finland.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
L.Eriksson, Swe	3	4	7
Malkin, Rus	2	4	6
Zetterberg, Swe	0	6	6
Indrasis, Lat	3	2	5
Franzen, Swe	2	3	5
Tavares, Cda	**2**	**3**	**5**
Gogulla, Ger	1	4	5

RBC CUP

CANADIAN JR. A CHAMPIONSHIP

At Humboldt, Sask.
Round Robin

	GP	W	L	GF	GA	Pt
x-Humboldt	3	3	0	10	3	6
Portage	2	1	1	5	7	2
Woodstock	3	1	2	6	7	2
Penticton	3	1	2	5	6	2
Soo	3	1	2	5	8	2

x — clinched playoff berth.
Last night's result
Portage vs. Penticton
Tuesday Results
Humboldt 3 Soo 0
Penticton 2 Woodstock 1
Today's games — All Times Eastern
Woodstock vs. Soo, 5 p.m.
Portage vs. Humboldt, 9:30 p.m.
End of Round Robin

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE QUARTER-FINALS

(Best-of-7)
All Times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE
CHICAGO (1) VS. PHILADELPHIA (8)
(Philadelphia leads series 3-2)
Tuesday's result
Chicago 77 Philadelphia 69
Tonight's game
Chicago at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Saturday's game
x-Philadelphia at Chicago, TBA
MIAMI (2) VS. NEW YORK (7)
(Miami leads series 3-1)
Last night's result
New York at Miami
Tomorrow's game
x-Miami at New York, 8 p.m.
Sunday's game
x-New York at Miami, TBA
INDIANA (3) VS. ORLANDO (6)
(Indiana wins series 4-1)
Tuesday's result
Indiana 105 Orlando 87
BOSTON (4) VS. ATLANTA (5)
(Boston leads series 3-2)
Tuesday's result
Atlanta 87 Boston 86
Tonight's game
Atlanta at Boston, 8 p.m.
Saturday's game
x-Boston at Atlanta, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE
SAN ANTONIO (1) VS. UTAH (8)
(San Antonio wins series 4-0)
Monday's result
San Antonio 87 Utah 81
OKLAHOMA CITY (2) VS. DALLAS (7)
(Oklahoma City wins series 4-0)
L.A. LAKERS (3) VS. DENVER (6)
(L.A. Lakers lead series 3-2)
Tuesday's result
Denver 102 L.A. Lakers 99
Tonight's game
L.A. Lakers at Denver, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
x-Denver at L.A. Lakers, TBA
MEMPHIS (4) VS. L.A. CLIPPERS (5)
(L.A. Clippers lead series 3-1)
Last night's result
L.A. Clippers at Memphis
Tomorrow's game
x-Memphis at L.A. Clippers, 9 or 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
x-L.A. Clippers at Memphis, TBA
x — played only if necessary.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Kansas City	9	7	2	0	12	5	21
New York	10	6	3	1	20	14	19
D.C. United	11	5	3	3	20	15	18
Chicago	7	3	2	2	9	9	11
Montreal	10	3	5	2	11	15	11
New England	9	3	6	0	8	12	9
Houston	7	2	3	2	7	9	8
Columbus	8	2	4	2	6	10	8
Philadelphia	8	2	5	1	5	9	7
Toronto	8	0	8	0	6	18	0

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
San Jose	10	7	2	1	21	11	22
Real Salt Lake	11	7	3	1	18	12	22
Seattle	8	6	1	1	11	3	19
Vancouver	9	5	2	2	9	7	17
Colorado	10	5	5	0	15	12	15
Dallas	10	3	4	3	10	14	12
Los Angeles	9	3	5	1	11	14	10
Chivas USA	9	3	6	0	5	11	9
Portland	9	2	5	2	9	13	8

Last night's results
New York 1 Houston 0
Real Salt Lake at Chicago
Seattle at Dallas
Saturday's games — All Times Eastern
Los Angeles at Montreal, 4 p.m.
D.C. United at Houston, 4:30 p.m.
Dallas at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Kansas City at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Sunday's games
New York at Philadelphia, 12:30 p.m.
Chivas USA at San Jose, 7 p.m.

AMWAY CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

(WINNER QUALIFIES FOR CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE)
SEMIFINALS — SECOND LEG
Last night's results
Montreal at Toronto
(aggregate tied 0-0)
Edmonton at Vancouver
(Vancouver leads 2-0)

CONCACAF WOMEN'S UNDER-17 CHAMPIONSHIP

GROUP A

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
x-U.S.	3	3	0	0	18	0	9
x-Mexico	3	2	1	0	8	3	6
Trinidad	3	0	2	1	0	7	1
Bahamas	3	0	2	1	0	16	1

GROUP B

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
x-Canada	**3**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**16**	**1**	**9**
x-Panama	3	1	1	1	8	8	4
Jamaica	3	1	1	1	4	5	4
Guatemala	3	0	3	0	2	16	0

x — clinched playoff berth.
Yesterday's results
No Games Scheduled.
Today's games
Semifinals
U.S. vs. Panama, 3:30 p.m.
Canada vs. Mexico, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday's games
Third Place — Semifinal losers, 3:30 p.m.
Championship (winner earns
Semifinal winners, 6:30 p.m.

EUROPA CUP

Yesterday's result
At Bucharest, Romania
Championship
Atletico Madrid 3 Athletic Bilbao 0

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Across

1 Tea variety
6 Wahines' greetings
12 Tire type
13 Rest
14 "2001: A Space Odyssey" writer
15 Forgoes restaurants
16 Bullets
17 Burn some
19 Youngster
20 Presidential power
22 Dundee denial
24 Egos' counterparts
27 007 villain
29 Despondent
32 Signs of wonder
35 Unaccompanied
36 Great Lakes tribe
37 "Of course"
38 Pole employee
40 Verve
42 Exemplar of easiness
44 Sci-fi knights
46 Open a bit
50 Proportions
52 Character
54 Hymn renderers
55 Walking on air
56 Pace
57 Angers

Down

1 Tropical tree
2 Cheese choice
3 Russian ballet company
4 Squirrel's hangout
5 Shockingly exciting
6 Neighborhood
7 Memorize
8 Make up your mind
9 Inn
10 One side of the Urals
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33 Costa del —
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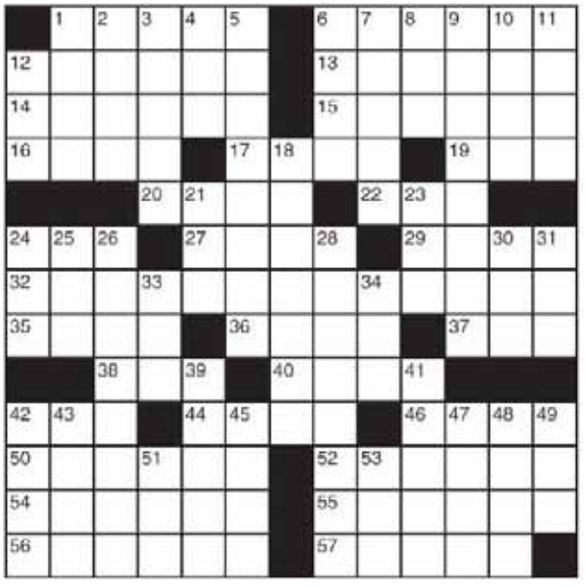
53 "When We Were Kings" subject



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3		7	9		1	6		5
		2				3		
	9						7	
		3	4		2	9		
9								1
		5	3		8	7		
	6						1	
		8				5		
4		1	5		6	8		2

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	1	6	3	4	7	5	2	9
2	4	3	9	6	5	7	8	1
7	5	9	1	2	8	3	6	4
4	8	5	7	9	2	6	1	3
3	2	1	4	8	6	9	7	5
9	6	7	5	1	3	2	4	8
1	7	4	8	3	9	8	5	2
5	3	8	2	7	1	4	9	6
6	9	2	8	5	4	1	3	7

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

SGOTZNG EG OLYKUYZTHHF GFGSTHHN XGLXHG BZIGHF, EG ETN GTBYGI KEG YUODYTWG "NKTBG WTNKGB."

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A GUY'S WALKING CANE IS TOO SMALL FOR HIM TO USE PROPERLY, I RECKON HE'S UNDERSTAFFED.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals H

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Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Don't let someone talk you into getting involved with something you don't feel entirely happy about.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. You need to get back to basics and work out why a project of some sort has failed to get off the ground.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Cosmic activity at the mid-heaven angle of your chart urges you to be ambitious but it also warns you don't have to be too aggressive.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Your confidence is sky-high at the moment and it will climb even higher. Keep making the most of it.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Try not to pay attention to what critics say today because they are desperate to undermine your confidence.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. A loved one will say something nice today and whatever differences there may have been between you in recent weeks will be forgotten.

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HIGHWAY 6.4L/100 KM 44 MPG▼

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INCLUDES: • Air Conditioning with Glove Box Cooler • Heated Front Seats & Mirrors • 6 Airbags w/ Front Active Head Restraints • Cruise Control • Remote Keyless Entry • Power Windows, Doors, Locks & Mirrors

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Most fuel-efficient full-size car▲

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Powerful & efficient – the true definition of a cross-over

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SANTA FE GL 2.4L 6-SPEED MANUAL. DELIVERY, DESTINATION & FEES INCLUDED. PLUS HST.

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5 YEAR WARRANTY 100,000 KM COMPREHENSIVE LIMITED WARRANTY[Ω]

5-year/100,000 km Comprehensive Limited Warranty
5-year/100,000 km Powertrain Warranty
5-year/100,000 km Emission Warranty

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